



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 521

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AN ACT CONCERNING MARINE PILOT TRAINING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Transportation, with the advice and assistance of the Pilot
3 Commission, as established by section 15-13c of the general statutes,
4 shall (1) establish such standards for the training of apprentice marine
5 pilots as the commissioner finds necessary for the public interest and
6 safety; (2) prescribe limitations and conditions governing the
7 employment, training and supervision of apprentice pilots and the
8 conduct of apprenticeship programs; and (3) adopt such reasonable
9 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, as
10 the commissioner deems necessary to carry out and enforce the
11 provisions of this section.

12 (b) Each licensed pilot shall participate in an apprentice training
13 program that the Commissioner of Transportation has reviewed and
14 approved. Apprentice appointments shall be awarded pursuant to the
15 following distribution schedule: For every ten apprenticeships, the first
16 three shall go to persons holding licenses in Connecticut only; the
17 fourth shall go to a person who holds a license in Connecticut and
18 another state; the fifth and sixth shall go to persons who hold licenses
19 in Connecticut only; the seventh shall go to a person who holds a
20 license in Connecticut and another state; the eighth and ninth shall go

21 to persons who hold licenses in Connecticut only; and the tenth shall
22 go to a person who holds a license in Connecticut and another state.

23 (c) An association of licensed pilots shall submit an apprentice pilot
24 training program to the Commissioner of Transportation for approval.
25 The program shall be of a duration of not less than two years and
26 applicable to all apprentice pilots appointed to serve in the
27 Connecticut ports and Long Island Sound. The provisions of such
28 apprentice pilot programs to be established and executed are as
29 follows:

30 (1) Upon receiving his or her appointment, an apprentice pilot shall
31 report to the licensed Connecticut state pilots association to which he
32 or she is appointed to serve and shall serve a period of not less than
33 ninety days as an observer trainee.

34 (2) Upon completion of the observer-trainee period, the apprentice
35 pilot shall submit to the board an apprentice pilot handling form for
36 each vessel upon which he or she has accompanied a licensed state
37 pilot. Each such form shall be signed by the pilot in charge who
38 accompanied the apprentice pilot.

39 (3) Each request to increase the limits and specifications under
40 which an apprentice pilot is authorized to pilot shall be submitted to
41 the commissioner and shall be accompanied by an apprentice pilot
42 vessel handling form as described in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
43 for each vessel the apprentice pilot has piloted since the board last
44 increased his or her limits and specifications.

45 (d) To receive approval for its apprentice training program, a
46 participating pilot association shall:

47 (1) Have at least five licensed pilots;

48 (2) Have all of its members working exclusively under the
49 association's Connecticut license; and

50 (3) Receive no less than ninety per cent of its revenue from piloting
51 work in Long Island Sound and Connecticut ports.

52 (e) Upon successful completion of the apprentice pilot training
53 program, the apprentice pilot shall be appointed to work for a pilot
54 association that works on the Connecticut side of the Connecticut-New
55 York Pilot Rotation System.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section

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