

or coal mined in the United States shall take a licensed pilot, or in case of refusal to take such pilot shall themselves, their owners or consignees pay the said pilotage as if one had been employed, and such pilotage shall be paid to the pilot first speaking or offering his services as pilot to such vessels before Cape Henry bears south, if inward bound.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 17. 1912, sec. 17. 1904, sec. 17. 1888, sec. 17. 1896, ch. 40.

17. Vessels employed in and licensed for the coasting trade shall be exempt from the duty of employing a pilot, and the vessels, as well as their masters, owners, agents or consignees, shall be exempt from the duty of paying pilotage, half pilotage or any penalty whatsoever in case of their neglect or refusal to do so; any American vessel laden either in whole or in part with coke or coal mined in the United States shall be exempt from the duty of taking a pilot and the vessel, as well as her master, owner, agent or consignee, shall be exempt from the duty of paying pilotage, or half pilotage, or any penalty whatsoever in case of his neglect or refusal so to do. But a coastwise vessel or such American vessel laden either in whole or in part with coke or coal, mined as aforesaid, voluntarily taking a pilot shall pay the same fee for pilotage as prescribed in the case of a vessel bound to or from a foreign port.

Portion of this section exempting from compulsory pilotage laws vessels laden in whole or in part with coke or coal mined in United States applies only to vessels which in a commercial sense are coal-laden or carry a reasonable cargo thereof; it has no application to vessel which carries only small quantity of coal as ballast. The Edmund Phinney, 80 Fed. 558.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 18. 1912, sec. 18. 1904, sec. 18. 1888, sec. 18. 1853, ch. 214, sec. 15.

18. The master or owner of every vessel required to take out license under the two preceding sections, navigating the Chesapeake bay without such license, shall either take the first licensed pilot who offers to conduct or pilot his vessel to or from sea or shall pay him full pilotage; but the payment of full pilotage shall not be exacted from any inward bound vessel which, on her arrival and before her departure, shall obtain from the board of pilots a license in pursuance of the provisions of this article.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 19. 1912, sec. 19. 1904, sec. 19. 1888, sec. 19. 1853, ch. 214, sec. 16.

19. The money collected by the board of pilots under sections 16 and 17 of this article shall be equally distributed quarterly among the regular working pilots over twenty-one years of age; but the board shall make suitable provision for any pilot who is sick or disabled, not exceeding the distributive portion of any pilot engaged in active service.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 20. 1912, sec. 20. 1904, sec. 20. 1888, sec. 20. 1853, ch. 214, sec. 19. 1939, ch. 755, sec. 20.

20. The master or owner of any vessel bound up or down the Pocomoke River or any river whose mouth is bounded on both sides by the Eastern Shore of Maryland shall not be required to take out any license from the board of pilots or to pay any pilotage to or from any of said rivers unless a pilot be employed; provided, the master or owner of any vessel shall not touch in any of said rivers on their passage to or from Baltimore for the purpose of avoiding any of the provisions of this Article, and provided further, however, the provision of this section of this Article shall not apply to the master or owner of any vessel passing in or out through the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal and its approaches.