

such vessel; but this prohibition shall not prevent any person from assisting any vessel in distress, if such person shall deliver up such vessel to any pilot who shall come on board and offer to conduct or pilot such vessel; and the pilot shall pay such person one-half of the fees received by him for the pilotage of such vessel.

16. All masters of foreign vessels and vessels from a foreign port and all vessels sailing under register bound to and from Baltimore City, or passing in or out of the Chesapeake Bay by way of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal, except vessels employed in and licensed for the coasting trade and American vessels laden either in whole or in part with coke 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.

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.

21. No pilot shall charge or receive any greater or less reward or compensation for his services as such than follows: for piloting any vessel drawing thirteen feet of water or over from any port in this State to sea or to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, or coming from sea or from the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and bound to any river of this State and to any port thereof, or bound from sea to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal or from the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal to sea, five dollars and fifty cents for each foot of water she may draw; for every vessel drawing ten feet of water and less than thirteen feet, four dollars for each foot she may draw; for all vessels drawing less than ten feet of water, three dollars and fifty cents for each foot of water they may draw.