

## CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Section § 42-35-2.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, following is a concise explanatory statement:

**AGENCY:** Department of Environmental Management

**DIVISION:** Law Enforcement

**RULE IDENTIFIER:** 250-RICR-80-00-9

**RULE TITLE:** RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:**

The purpose of this regulation is to provide maximum safety from the dangers of navigation for vessels entering or leaving the waters of this state; to maintain a state pilotage system devoted to the preservation and protection of lives, property, and vessels entering or leaving waters of this state at the highest standard of efficiency; and, to insure an adequate supply of pilots well qualified for the discharge of their duties. The purpose of this amendment is to correct typo's and internal references within the regulations, update pilot rate for various trips, and add mandatory training requirements. A summary of changes between current and proposed regulation by section is as follows:

- Section 9.6 added section (C) to conform with statutory requirements.
- Section 9.9(C)(1) and 9.10(C)(1) changes to conform with changes made by the USCG regarding Radar Certificate requirements.
- Section 9.10(J)(1) addition to conform with Section 9.9(J)(1).
- Section 9.10(L)(3) added as a result of the Commission now making training requirements mandatory.
- 9.15(G)(1) and 9.16(A) removed reference to Brenton Reef Pilot Light.
- Section 9.15(J)(4) and (7) clarifying requirements regarding the Annual Medical Certificate.
- Section 9.15(L) deleting the pilotage rates for the prior years of 2016 and 2017 since no longer applicable.
- Section 9.15(L)(9) modifying pilotage rates for certain transits.
- Section 9.15(L)(10) adding pilotage rates for Surveying in the event a vessel requires a Pilot.

- Section 9.15(N)(a) amended the pilot detention fee.
- Section 9.18, new section on mandatory training requirements.

**ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE:**

*(if any)*

**TESTIMONY, COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS:** The Commission received no comments.

**CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:** No changes were made from the rule that was sent out to public notice.

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:** This is a recodification with no substantive changes. Therefore, there are no societal benefits or costs due to these Rule making.

**DATE THE FINAL RULE WAS SIGNED BY THE AGENCY HEAD:**