**CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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: PART 9- RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING**:

This is the same CES that was submitted in November prior to this reg. becoming effective Jan. 1, 2025. There is one change that needs to be made and all other changes that recently became effective remain the same.

The Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission was established 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 the state at the highest standard of efficiency, and to insure an adequate supply of pilots well qualified for the discharge of their duties.

. A summary of changes between current and proposed regulation by section is as follows:

- Section 9.15 (N) – changes to pilotage units' formula. Pilotage rates are calculated per "pilotage units" ("PU," a formula essentially related to the size of the vessel). There is a minimum charge of 200 PU for a vessel smaller than 200 PU. There is a cap of 750 PU so that vessels larger than 750 PU do not have to pay for additional PUs once they pay the fee up to the cap. The Pilotage Commission has determined that 600 PU would be a more reasonable cap to reach a balance between adequate compensation and avoiding imposing too much of a burden on vessels larger than 600 PU.

**ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE:** *(if any)*

**TESTIMONY, COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS:** There were no comments or request for public hearing.

**CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE**:

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS**: Changes were required to amend the pilotage units.

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