

House Bill 2695

Sponsored by Representative MCKEOWN (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Exempts certain towing vessels and their towed barges from requirement that Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots licensee pilot vessel.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to maritime pilotage; amending ORS 776.405.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 776.405 is amended to read:

5 776.405. (1)(a) Except as set forth in paragraph (c) of this subsection, [*a person*] **an individual**
6 may not pilot any vessel upon any of the pilotage grounds established under ORS 776.025 or 776.115
7 without being a licensee under this chapter or a trainee under the onboard supervision of a licensee
8 under this chapter.

9 (b) Except as set forth in paragraph (c) of this subsection, a person may not pilot any vessel in
10 the Columbia River bar precautionary zone, either to enter or depart the Columbia River bar
11 pilotage ground, except pursuant to instructions from a licensee under this chapter for the Columbia
12 River bar pilotage ground, provided however that the master of a vessel transiting the Columbia
13 River bar precautionary zone remains at all times in full command of the vessel and is responsible
14 to take all reasonable steps to safely navigate the Columbia River bar precautionary zone.

15 (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection do not apply to:

16 (A) The master of a vessel under fishery, recreational or coastwise [*indorsement*] **endorsement**
17 provided under 46 U.S.C. chapter 121;

18 (B) A vessel registered with the State Marine Board or a similar licensing agency of another
19 state; [*or*]

20 (C) The master of a foreign registered fishing or recreational vessel, exempted by the Oregon
21 Board of Maritime Pilots, of not more than 100 feet in length or 250 gross tons international[.]; **or**

22 **(D) United States flag towing vessels under 200 gross tons domestic and their towed**
23 **barges of 10,000 gross tons domestic or less, excluding tank vessels as defined by ORS**
24 **468B.300, that are engaged in the coasting trade between British Columbia and Oregon, pro-**
25 **vided that the towing vessel is under the navigational control of a person holding the federal**
26 **mariner license required for the towing vessel when operating under a coastwise endorse-**
27 **ment.**

28 (2) A licensee under this chapter is at all times the servant of the vessel being piloted and its
29 owners and operators.
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.