



Merchant Shipping Act 1894

1894 CHAPTER 60

PART X

PILOTAGE.

Offences, and suspension and dismissal, of Pilots.

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- (1) If a qualified pilot, either within or without the district for which he is licensed,—
- (a) himself keeps, or is interested in keeping by any agent, servant, or other person, any public-house or place of public entertainment, or sells or is interested in selling any wine, spirituous liquors, tobacco, or tea;
 - (b) commits any fraud or offence against the revenues of customs, or against the excise or the laws relating thereto ;
 - (c) is in any way directly or indirectly concerned in any corrupt practices relating to ships, their tackle, furniture, cargoes, crews, or passengers, or to persons in distress at sea or by shipwreck, or to their moneys, goods, or chattels ;
 - (d) lends his licence;
 - (e) acts as pilot whilst suspended ;
 - (f) acts as pilot when in a state of intoxication ;
 - (g) employs or causes to be employed on board any ship of which he has charge any boat, anchor, cable, or other store, matter, or thing, beyond what is necessary for the service of that ship, with intent to enhance the expenses of pilotage for his own gain or for the gain of any other person ;
 - (h) refuses or wilfully delays, when not prevented by illness or other reasonable cause, to take charge of any ship within the limits of his licence, upon the signal for a pilot being made by that ship, or upon being required to do so by the master, owner, agent, or consignee thereof, or by any officer of the pilotage authority by whom the pilot is licensed, or by any chief officer of customs;
 - (i) unnecessarily cuts or slips or causes to be cut or slipped any cable belonging to any ship ;

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- (k) refuses, when requested by the master, to conduct the ship of which he has charge into any port or place into which he is qualified to conduct the same, except on reasonable ground of danger to the ship; or
 - (l) quits the ship of which he has charge without the consent of the master, before the service for which he was hired has been performed,
- that pilot shall for each offence, in addition to any liability for damages, be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.
- (2) If any person procures, aids, abets, or connives at the commission of any offence under this section, he shall, in addition to any liability for damages, be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.
 - (3) If a qualified pilot commits an offence under this section, or procures, aids, abets, or connives at the commission of any such offence, he shall in addition to his liability to a fine, be liable to suspension or dismissal by the pilotage authority by whom he is licensed.