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Introduced by M. of A. CAHILL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the navigation law, in relation to time restrictions on continuous pilotage on vessels transiting the Hudson River

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1.     Subparagraph 1-a of paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of  
2     section 89-a of the navigation law, as amended by chapter 482 of the  
3     laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

4     (1-a) All vessels shall pay an additional launch fee and communication  
5     fee. The launch fee shall be set by the board of commissioners of pilots  
6     to recoup the cost of operating a pilot launch and pilot station at  
7     Yonkers. The communication fee shall be set by the board of commission-  
8     ers of pilots to recoup the cost of portable electronic communication  
9     and navigation equipment carried aboard the vessel by the pilot.

10     All vessels transiting Section 2, Upper River; Yonkers, to beyond Hyde  
11     Park through Albany or Troy shall pay a mid-river launch fee. The mid-  
12     river launch fee shall be set by the board of commissioners of pilots to  
13     recoup the cost of operating a pilot launch and pilot station at Norrie  
14     Point.

15     The launch fee, communication fee, and mid-river launch fee shall be  
16     reviewed annually by the board of commissioners of pilots on or about  
17     the anniversary date upon which this section shall have become a law.

18     In the event a vessel transiting the Hudson River requires a contin-  
19     uous pilotage of more than [eight] TEN hours, two pilots shall be  
20     assigned at the beginning of such transit, and the fee shall be the  
21     regular pilotage fee plus fifty percent for the second pilot. The fee  
22     for the second pilot shall not apply when the first pilot is discharged  
23     at the mid-river pilot station and relieved at such station by a second  
24     pilot. A second pilot shall not be required when the vessel anchors for  
25     a minimum of eight hours such that the transit does not require a  
26     continuous pilotage of more than [eight] TEN hours by one pilot.

27     S 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same  
28     manner as a chapter of the laws of 2015, amending the navigation law,

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 relating to time restrictions on continuous pilotage on vessels transit-  
2 ing the Hudson River, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.3951-B  
3 and A.857-B takes effect.