IN ASSEMBLY

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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:

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

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

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

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

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

S 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same 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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relating to time restrictions on continuous pilotage on vessels transiting the Hudson River, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.3951-B and A.857-B takes effect.