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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would relate to the State Pilotage Commission in a Class 2 municipality. The bill would give the commission the sole authority to regulate maritime data for use in pilotage of ships and watercraft in Mobile Bay.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to Class 2 municipalities; to amend Section 33-4A-13, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to rulemaking authority of the State Pilotage Commission; to regulate the usage of maritime data for use in pilotage of vessels.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 33-4A-13, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§33-4A-13

(a) The commission ~~shall have the power and authority to~~ may make all necessary rules ~~and regulations~~ regulating the piloting of ships and all watercrafts into and out of any harbor or seaport until berthed and moored at the docking facility in the Port of Mobile or until past the outer bar of



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29 Mobile Bay upon departure. The commission shall have sole  
30 authority to permit or disallow use of maritime data collected  
31 for use in pilotage of vessels within the waters of the State  
32 of Alabama, unless the data is developed by an agency of the  
33 United States or approved by the commission. Maritime data  
34 produced by foreign states or by a foreign or domestic company  
35 must be expressly preapproved by the commission for any  
36 official use in pilotage.

37 (b) The commission ~~shall also have the power and~~  
38 ~~authority to~~ may require evidence of the physical and mental  
39 fitness of any active bar pilot at any time and ~~to make~~ adopt  
40 ~~rules and regulations~~ regarding the physical and mental  
41 capacity and fitness of the active bar pilots."

42 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
43 1, 2024.