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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6602

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2008 Regular Session

By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Swecker; by request of Board of Pilotage Commissioners)

READ FIRST TIME 02/06/08.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to the pilotage act; amending RCW 88.16.010, 88.16.035, 88.16.070, 88.16.090, 88.16.100, 88.16.102, 88.16.103,
- 2 00.10.033, 00.10.070, 00.10.030, 00.10.100, 00.10.102, 00.10.103
- 3 88.16.105, 88.16.107, 88.16.110, 88.16.135, 88.16.155, 88.16.200,
- 4 34.05.514, 88.16.061, and 43.79.330; reenacting and amending RCW
- 5 88.16.118, 43.84.092, and 43.79A.040; adding a new section to chapter
- 6 88.16 RCW; and providing an effective date.
- 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 8 Sec. 1. RCW 88.16.010 and 2003 c 58 s 1 are each amended to read 9 as follows:
- 10 (1) The board of pilotage commissioners of the state of Washington is hereby created and shall consist of the assistant secretary of 11 12 ((transportation)) operations of the department 13 transportation of the state of Washington, or the assistant secretary's designee who shall be an employee of the marine division, who shall be 14 15 chairperson, the director of the department of ecology, or 16 director's designee, and seven members appointed by the governor and 17 confirmed by the senate. Each of the appointed commissioners shall be appointed for a term of four years from the date of the member's 18 19 commission. No person shall be eligible for appointment to the board

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unless that person is at the time of appointment eighteen years of age 1 2 or over and a citizen of the United States and of the state of Washington. Two of the appointed commissioners shall be pilots 3 licensed under this chapter and actively engaged in piloting upon the 4 5 waters covered by this chapter for at least three years immediately preceding the time of appointment and while serving on the board. One 6 7 pilot shall be from the Puget Sound pilotage district and the other pilot shall be from either the Grays Harbor pilotage district or the 8 9 Puget Sound pilotage district. Two of the appointed commissioners shall be actively engaged in the ownership, operation, or management of 10 deep sea cargo and/or passenger carrying vessels for at least three 11 years immediately preceding the time of appointment and while serving 12 13 on the board. One of the shipping commissioners shall be a representative of American and one of foreign shipping. One of the 14 commissioners shall be a representative from a recognized environmental 15 16 organization concerned with marine waters. The remaining commissioners 17 shall be persons interested in and concerned with pilotage, maritime safety, and marine affairs, with broad experience related to the 18 maritime industry exclusive of experience as either a state licensed 19 20 pilot or as a shipping representative.

- (2) Any vacancy in an appointed position on the board shall be filled by the governor for the remainder of the unfilled term, subject to confirmation by the senate.
- 24 (3) Five members of the board shall constitute a quorum. At least 25 one pilot, one shipping representative, and one public member must be 26 present at every meeting. All commissioners and the chairperson shall 27 have a vote.
- 28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 88.16.035 and 2006 c 53 s 1 are each amended to read 29 as follows:
 - (1) The board of pilotage commissioners shall:
- 31 (a) Adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, necessary for the enforcement and administration of this chapter;
 - (b)(i) Issue training licenses and pilot licenses to pilot applicants meeting the qualifications provided for in RCW 88.16.090 and such additional qualifications as may be determined by the board;
- (ii) Establish a comprehensive training program to assist in the training and evaluation of pilot applicants before final licensing; and

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(iii) Establish additional training requirements, including a program of continuing education developed after consultation with pilot organizations, including those located within the state of Washington, as required to maintain a competent pilotage service;

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- (c) Maintain a register of pilots, records of pilot accidents, and other history pertinent to pilotage((, along with a roster of vessels, agents, owners, operators, and masters necessary for the maintenance of a roster of persons interested in and concerned with pilotage and maritime safety));
- (d) Determine from time to time the number of pilots necessary to be licensed in each district of the state to optimize the operation of a safe, fully regulated, efficient, and competent pilotage service in each district;
- (e) Annually fix the pilotage tariffs for pilotage services performed aboard vessels as required by this chapter: PROVIDED, That the board may fix extra compensation for extra services to vessels in distress, for awaiting vessels, for all vessels in direct transit to or from a Canadian port where Puget Sound pilotage is required for a portion of the voyage, or for being carried to sea on vessels against the will of the pilot, and for such other services as may be determined by the board;
- (f) File annually with the governor and the chairs of the transportation committees of the senate and house of representatives a report which includes, but is not limited to, the following: number, names, ((addresses,)) ages, pilot license number, training license number, and years of service as a Washington licensed pilot of any person licensed by the board as a Washington state pilot or trainee; the names, employment, and other information of the members of the board; the total number of pilotage assignments by pilotage district, including information concerning the various types and sizes of vessels and the total annual tonnage; the annual earnings or stipends of individual pilots and trainees before and after deduction for expenses of pilot organizations, including extra compensation as a separate category; the annual expenses of private pilot associations, including personnel employed and capital expenditures; the status of pilotage tariffs, extra compensation, and travel; the retirement contributions paid to pilots and the disposition thereof; the number of groundings, ((mishaps)) marine occurrences, or other incidents which

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are reported to or investigated by the board, and which are determined 1 2 to be accidents, as defined by the board, including the vessel name, location of incident, pilot's or trainee's name, and disposition of the 3 case together with information received before the board acted from all 4 5 persons concerned, including the United States coast guard; the names, qualifications, time scheduled for examinations, and the district of 6 7 persons desiring to apply for Washington state pilotage licenses; summaries of dispatch records, quarterly reports from pilots, and the 8 9 bylaws and operating rules of pilotage organizations; the names, sizes in deadweight tons, surcharges, if any, port of call, name of the pilot 10 or trainee, and names and horsepower of tug boats for any and all oil 11 tankers subject to the provisions of RCW 88.16.190 together with the 12 13 names of any and all vessels for which the United States coast guard requires special handling pursuant to their authority under the Ports 14 and Waterways Safety Act of 1972; the expenses of the board; and any 15 16 and all other information which the board deems appropriate to include;

- (g) ((Publish a manual which)) Make available information that includes the pilotage act and other statutes of Washington state and the federal government ((which)) that affect pilotage, including the rules of the board, together with such additional information as may be informative for pilots, agents, owners, operators, and masters((. Such manual shall be distributed without cost to all pilots and governmental agencies upon request. All other copies shall be sold for a five dollar fee with proceeds to be credited to the pilotage account));
- (h) Appoint advisory committees and employ marine experts as necessary to carry out its duties under this chapter;
- (i) Provide for the maintenance of efficient and competent pilotage service on all waters covered by this chapter; and do such other things as are reasonable, necessary, and expedient to insure proper and safe pilotage upon the waters covered by this chapter and facilitate the efficient administration of this chapter.
- 32 (2) The board may pay stipends to pilot trainees under subsection 33 (1)(b) of this section.
- 34 **Sec. 3.** RCW 88.16.070 and 1996 c 144 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

36 <u>Every vessel not exempt under this section that operates in the</u>

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waters of the Puget Sound pilotage district or Grays Harbor pilotage district is subject to compulsory pilotage under this chapter.

(1) A United States vessel on a voyage in which it is operating exclusively on its coastwise endorsement, its fishery endorsement (including catching and processing its own catch outside United States waters and economic zone for delivery in the United States), and/or its recreational (or pleasure) endorsement, and all United States and Canadian vessels engaged exclusively in the coasting trade on the west coast of the continental United States (including Alaska) and/or British Columbia shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter unless a pilot licensed under this chapter be actually employed, in which case the pilotage rates provided for in this chapter shall apply.

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(2) The board ((shall)) may, upon the written petition of any interested party, and upon notice and opportunity for hearing, grant an exemption from the provisions of this chapter to any vessel that the board finds is (a) a small passenger vessel ((or yacht which)) that is not more than five hundred gross tons (international), does not exceed two hundred feet in overall length, and is operated exclusively in the waters of the Puget Sound pilotage district and lower British Columbia, or (b) a yacht that is not more than five hundred gross tons (international) and does not exceed two hundred feet in overall length. Such an exemption shall not be detrimental to the public interest in regard to safe operation preventing loss of human lives, loss of property, and protecting the marine environment of the state of Washington. Such petition shall set out the general description of the vessel, the contemplated use of same, the proposed area of operation, and the name and address of the vessel's owner. The board shall annually, or at any other time when in the public interest, review any exemptions granted to this specified class of small vessels to insure that each exempted vessel remains in compliance with the original exemption. The board shall have the authority to revoke such exemption where there is not continued compliance with the requirements for exemption. The board shall maintain a file which shall include all petitions for exemption, a roster of vessels granted exemption, and the board's written decisions which shall set forth the findings for grants of exemption. Each applicant for exemption or annual renewal shall pay a fee, payable to the pilotage account. Fees for initial applications

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and for renewals shall be established by rule, and shall not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars. The board shall report annually to the legislature on such exemptions.

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(3) Every vessel not ((so)) exempt((7)) under subsection (1) or (2) 4 5 of this section shall, while navigating the Puget Sound and Grays Harbor ((and Willapa Bay)) pilotage districts, employ a pilot licensed 6 7 under the provisions of this chapter and shall be liable for and pay pilotage rates in accordance with the pilotage rates herein established 8 9 or which may hereafter be established under the provisions of this PROVIDED, That any vessel inbound to or outbound from 10 Canadian ports is exempt from the provisions of this section, if said 11 12 vessel actually employs a pilot licensed by the Pacific pilotage 13 authority (the pilot licensing authority for the western district of 14 Canada), and if it is communicating with the vessel traffic system and has appropriate navigational charts, and if said vessel uses only those 15 16 waters east of the international boundary line which are west of a line 17 which begins at the southwestern edge of Point Roberts then to Alden Point (Patos Island), then to Skipjack Island light, then to Turn Point 18 (Stuart Island), then to Kellet Bluff (Henry Island), then to Lime Kiln 19 (San Juan Island) then to the intersection of one hundred twenty-three 20 21 degrees seven minutes west longitude and forty-eight degrees twenty-22 five minutes north latitude then to the international boundary. board shall correspond with the Pacific pilotage authority from time to 23 24 time to ensure the provisions of this section are enforced. 25 exempted vessel does not comply with these provisions it shall be deemed to be in violation of this section and subject to the penalties 26 27 provided in RCW 88.16.150 as now or hereafter amended and liable to pilotage fees as determined by the board. The board shall investigate 28 any accident on the waters covered by this chapter involving a Canadian 29 pilot and shall include the results in its annual report. 30

- Sec. 4. RCW 88.16.090 and 2007 c 518 s 706 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) A person may pilot any vessel subject to this chapter on waters covered by this chapter only if licensed to pilot such vessels on such waters under this chapter.
- 36 (2)(a) A person is eligible to be licensed as a pilot <u>or a pilot</u> 37 <u>trainee</u> if the person:

(i) Is a citizen of the United States;

- 2 (ii) Is over the age of twenty-five years and under the age of 3 seventy years;
 - (iii) (($\overline{\text{Is a resident of the state of Washington at the time of licensure as a pilot;}$
 - (iv))(A) Holds at the time of application, as a minimum, a United States government license as master of steam or motor vessels of not more than one thousand six hundred gross register tons (three thousand international tonnage convention tons) upon oceans, near coastal waters, or inland waters; or the then most equivalent federal license as determined by the board; any such license to have been held by the applicant for a period of at least two years before application;
 - (B) Holds at the time of licensure as a pilot, after successful completion of the board-required training program, a first class United States endorsement without restrictions on the United States government license for the pilotage district in which the pilot applicant desires to be licensed; however, all applicants for a pilot examination scheduled to be given before July 1, 2008, must have the United States pilotage endorsement at the time of application; and
 - (C) The board may ((establish such other)) require that applicants and pilots have federal licenses ((requirements for applicants and pilots—)) and endorsements as it deems appropriate; and
- $((\frac{\langle v \rangle}{\langle v \rangle}))$ <u>(iv)</u> Successfully completes a board-specified training 24 program.
 - (b) In addition to the requirements of (a) of this subsection, a pilot applicant must meet such other qualifications as may be required by the board.
 - (c) A person applying for a license under this section shall not have been convicted of an offense involving drugs or the personal consumption of alcohol in the twelve months prior to the date of application. This restriction does not apply to license renewals under this section.
 - (3) The board may establish such other training license and pilot license requirements as it deems appropriate.
 - (4) Pilot applicants shall be evaluated and <u>may be</u> ranked <u>for entry</u> <u>into a board-specified training program</u> in a manner specified by the board based on their ((experience, other qualifications as may be set by the board,)) performance on a written examination or examinations

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established by the board, ((and)) performance ((in such)) on other evaluation exercises as may be required by the board, ((for entry into a board specified training program)) and other criteria or qualifications as may be set by the board.

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When the board determines that the demand for pilots requires entry of an applicant into the training program it shall issue a training license to that applicant, but under no circumstances may an applicant be issued a training license more than four years after taking the written entry examination. The training license authorizes the trainee to do such actions as are specified in the training program.

After the completion of the training program the board shall evaluate the trainee's performance and knowledge. The board, as it deems appropriate, may then issue a pilot license, delay the issuance of the pilot license, deny the issuance of the pilot license, or require further training and evaluation.

- (5) The board may (a) appoint a special independent committee or ((may)) (b) contract with ((a firm)) private or governmental entities knowledgeable and experienced in the development ((of professional tests and evaluations for development and grading of the examinations and other evaluation methods. Active licensed state pilots may be consulted for the general development of any examinations and evaluation exercises but shall have no knowledge of the specific questions. The pilot members of the board may participate in the grading of examinations)), administration, and grading of licensing examinations or simulator evaluations for marine pilots, or (c) do both. Active, licensed pilots designated by the board may participate in the development, administration, and grading of examinations and other evaluation exercises. If the board does appoint a special examination or evaluation development committee, it is authorized to pay the members of the committee the same compensation and travel expenses as received by members of the board. Any person who willfully gives advance knowledge of information contained on a pilot examination or other evaluation exercise is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- (6) This subsection applies to the review of a pilot applicant's written examinations and evaluation exercises to qualify to be placed on a waiting list to become a pilot trainee. Failure to comply with the process set forth in this subsection renders the results of the pilot applicant's written examinations and evaluation exercises final.

A pilot applicant may seek board review, administrative review, and judicial review of the results of the written examinations and evaluation exercises in the following manner:

- (a) A pilot applicant who seeks a review of the results of his or her written examinations or evaluation exercises must request from the board-appointed or board-designated examination committee an administrative review of the results of his or her written examinations or evaluation exercises as set forth by board rule.
- (b) The determination of the examination committee's review of a pilot applicant's examination results becomes final after thirty days from the date of service of written notification of the committee's determination unless a full adjudicative hearing before an administrative law judge has been requested by the pilot applicant before the thirty-day period has expired, as set forth by board rule.
- (c) When a full adjudicative hearing has been requested by the pilot applicant, the board shall request the appointment of an administrative law judge under chapter 34.12 RCW who has sufficient experience and familiarity with pilotage matters to be able to conduct a fair and impartial hearing. The hearing shall be governed by chapter 34.05 RCW. The administrative law judge shall issue an initial order.
- (d) The initial order of the administrative law judge is final unless within thirty days of the date of service of the initial order the board or pilot applicant requests review of the initial order under chapter 34.05 RCW.
- (e) The board may appoint a person to review the initial order and to prepare and enter a final order as governed by chapter 34.05 RCW and as set forth by board rule. The person appointed by the board under this subsection (6)(e) is called the board reviewing officer.
- (7) Pilots are licensed under this section for a term of five years from and after the date of the issuance of their respective state licenses. Licenses must thereafter be renewed as a matter of course, unless the board withholds the license for good cause. Each pilot shall pay to the state treasurer an annual license fee in an amount set by the board by rule. The fees established under this subsection may be increased in excess of the fiscal growth factor as provided in RCW 43.135.055 through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The fees must

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be deposited in the ((state treasury to the credit of the)) pilotage account. The board may assess partially active or inactive pilots a reduced fee.

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 $((\frac{7}{1}))$ (8) All pilots and $(\frac{applicants}{applicants})$ pilot trainees are subject to an annual physical examination by a physician chosen by the board. The physician shall examine the ((applicant's)) pilot's or pilot trainee's heart, blood pressure, circulatory system, lungs and respiratory system, eyesight, hearing, and such other items as may be prescribed by the board. After consultation with a physician and the United States coast guard, the board shall establish minimum health standards to ensure that pilots and pilot trainees licensed by the state are able to perform their duties. Within ninety days of the date of each annual physical examination, and after review of physician's report, the board shall make a determination of whether the pilot or ((applicant)) pilot trainee is fully able to carry out the duties of a pilot or pilot trainee under this chapter. The board may in its discretion check with the appropriate authority for any convictions of or information regarding offenses by a licensed pilot or pilot trainee involving drugs or the personal consumption of alcohol in the prior twelve months.

 $((\frac{8}{8}))$ (9) The board may require vessel simulator training for a pilot $(\frac{applicant}{b})$ trainee and shall require vessel simulator training for a licensed pilot subject to RCW 88.16.105. The board shall also require vessel simulator training in the first year of active duty for a new pilot and at least once every five years for all active pilots.

 $((\frac{(9)}{)})$ (10) The board shall prescribe, pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, such reporting requirements and review procedures as may be necessary to assure the accuracy and validity of license and service claims. Willful misrepresentation of such required information by a pilot applicant shall result in disqualification of the pilot applicant.

Sec. 5. RCW 88.16.100 and 1990 c 116 s 28 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The board shall have power on its own motion or, in its discretion, upon the written request of any interested party, to investigate the performance of pilotage services subject to this chapter and to issue a reprimand, impose a fine against a pilot in an

amount not to exceed five thousand dollars, suspend, withhold, or revoke the license of any pilot, or any combination of the above, for misconduct, incompetency, inattention to duty, intoxication, or failure to perform his duties under this chapter, or violation of any of the rules or regulations provided by the board for the government of pilots. The board may partially or totally stay any disciplinary action authorized in this subsection and subsection (2) of this section. The board shall have the power to require that a pilot satisfactorily complete a specific course of training or treatment.

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- (2) In all instances where a pilot licensed under this chapter performs pilot services on a vessel exempt under RCW 88.16.070, the board may on its own motion, or in its discretion upon the written request of any interested party, investigate whether the services were performed in a professional manner consistent with sound maritime practices. If the board finds that the pilotage services were performed in a manner that constitutes an act of incompetence, misconduct, or negligence so as to endanger life, limb, or property, or violated or failed to comply with state laws or regulations intended to promote marine safety or to protect navigable waters, the board may issue a reprimand, impose a fine against a pilot in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars, suspend, withhold, or revoke the state pilot license, or any combination of the above. The board shall have the power to require that a pilot satisfactorily complete a specific course of training or treatment.
 - (3) The board shall implement a system of specified disciplinary actions or corrective actions, including training or treatment, that will be taken when a state licensed pilot in a specified period of time has had multiple disciplinary actions taken against the pilot's license pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) of this section. In developing these disciplinary or corrective actions, the board shall take into account the cause of the disciplinary action and the pilot's previous record.
- (4) The board shall immediately review the pilot's license of a pilot who has been ((convicted within the prior twelve months of)) charged with any offense involving drugs or the personal consumption of alcohol while on duty, including an offense of operation of a vehicle or vessel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. After a hearing held pursuant to subsection (5) of this section:

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(a) The board shall order a pilot who has been found to have been convicted ((within the prior twelve months)) of an offense involving drugs or the personal consumption of alcohol while on duty and who has not been convicted of another offense involving drugs or the personal consumption of alcohol in the previous five years to actively participate in and satisfactorily complete a specific program of treatment. The board may impose other sanctions it determines are appropriate. If the pilot does not satisfactorily complete the program of treatment, the board shall suspend, revoke, or withhold the pilot's license until the treatment is completed; and

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- (b) The board shall suspend for ((up to)) not less than one year the license of a pilot found to have been convicted ((within the prior twelve months)) of a second or subsequent offense involving drugs or the personal consumption of alcohol while on duty.
- (5) When the board determines that reasonable cause exists to issue a reprimand, impose a fine, suspend, revoke, or withhold any pilot's license or require training or treatment under subsection (1), (2), or (4) of this section, it shall ((forthwith)) prepare and personally serve upon such pilot a notice advising him or her of the board's intended action, the specific grounds ((therefor)) for the action, and the right to request a hearing to challenge the board's action. pilot shall have thirty days from the date on which notice is served to request a full hearing before an administrative law judge on the issue of the reprimand, fine, suspension, revocation, or withholding of his or her pilot's license, or requiring treatment or training. The reprimand, fine, suspension, revocation, board's proposed withholding of a license, or requiring treatment or training shall become final upon the expiration of thirty days from the date notice is served, unless a hearing has been requested prior to that time. a hearing is requested, the board shall request the appointment of an administrative law judge under chapter 34.12 RCW who has sufficient experience and familiarity with pilotage matters to be able to conduct a fair and impartial hearing. The hearing shall be governed by the provisions of Title 34 RCW. All final decisions of the administrative law judge shall be subject to review by the superior court of the state of Washington for Thurston county ((or)), by the superior court of the county in which the pilot maintains his or her residence or principal place of business, or by the superior court of the county in which the

board maintains its office, to which court any case with all the papers and proceedings therein shall be immediately certified by the administrative law judge if requested to do so by any party to the proceedings at any time within thirty days after the date of any such final decision. No appeal may be taken after the expiration of thirty days after the date of final decision. Any case so certified to the superior court shall be tried de novo and after certification of the record to said superior court the proceedings shall be had as in a civil action. Moneys collected from fines under this section shall be deposited in the pilotage account.

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- (6) The board shall have the power, on an emergency basis, to temporarily suspend a state pilot's license: (a) When a pilot has been involved in any vessel accident where there has been major property damage, loss of life, or loss of a vessel, or (b) where there is a reasonable cause to believe that a pilot has diminished mental capacity or is under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other substances, when in the opinion of the board, such an accident or physical or mental impairment would significantly diminish that pilot's ability to carry out pilotage duties and that the public health, safety, and welfare requires such emergency action. The board shall make a determination within seventy-two hours whether to continue the suspension. The board shall develop rules for exercising this authority including procedures for the chairperson or vice-chairperson of the board to temporarily order such suspensions, emergency meetings of the board to consider such suspensions, the length of suspension, opportunities for hearings, and an appeal process. The board shall develop rules under chapter 34.05 RCW.
 - (7) The board shall immediately notify the United States coast guard that it has revoked or suspended a license pursuant to this section and that a suspended or revoked license has been reinstated.
- 31 **Sec. 6.** RCW 88.16.102 and 1979 ex.s. c 207 s 4 are each amended to 32 read as follows:
- The license of ((all pilots shall be)) a pilot is terminated upon the pilot reaching the age of seventy((: PROVIDED, That all pilots licensed as of September 1, 1979 may continue piloting and hold licenses until May 1, 1982)).

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Sec. 7. RCW 88.16.103 and 1986 c 122 s 2 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

- (1) Pilots <u>and pilot trainees</u>, after completion of an assignment or assignments which are seven hours or longer in duration, shall receive a mandatory rest period of seven hours.
- (2) A pilot <u>or pilot trainee</u> shall refuse a pilotage assignment if the pilot <u>or pilot trainee</u> is physically or mentally fatigued or if the pilot <u>or pilot trainee</u> has a reasonable belief that the assignment cannot be carried out in a competent and safe manner. Upon refusing an assignment ((as herein provided)) <u>under this subsection</u>, a pilot <u>or pilot trainee</u> shall submit a written explanation to the board within forty-eight hours. If the board finds that the pilot's <u>or pilot trainee's</u> written explanation is without merit, or reasonable cause did not exist for the assignment refusal, such pilot <u>or pilot trainee</u> may be subject to the provisions of RCW 88.16.100.
- 16 (3) The board shall quarterly review the dispatch records of pilot organizations or pilot's quarterly reports to ensure the provisions of this section are enforced. The board may prescribe rules for rest periods pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW.
- **Sec. 8.** RCW 88.16.105 and 1991 c 200 s 1003 are each amended to read as follows:

The board shall prescribe, pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, rules governing the size and type of vessels which a newly licensed pilot may be assigned to pilot on the waters of this state and whether the assignment involves docking or undocking a vessel. The rules shall also prescribe required familiarization trips before a newly licensed pilot may pilot a larger or different type of vessel. ((Such rules shall be for the first five year period in which pilots are actually employed.))

- **Sec. 9.** RCW 88.16.107 and 1977 ex.s. c 337 s 15 are each amended to read as follows:
- Any pilot <u>or pilot trainee</u> licensed pursuant to this chapter may appear or testify before the legislature or board of pilotage commissioners and no person shall place any sanction against said pilot <u>or pilot trainee</u> for having testified or appeared.

Sec. 10. RCW 88.16.110 and 2001 c 36 s 5 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

- (1) Every pilot licensed under this chapter shall file with the board not later than the tenth day of January, April, July, and October of each year a report for the preceding quarter. ((Said)) The report shall contain an account of all moneys received for pilotage by him or her or by any other person for the pilot or on the pilot's account or for his or her benefit. ((Said)) The report shall state the name of each vessel piloted, the amount charged to and/or collected from each vessel, the port of registry of such vessel, its dead weight tonnage, whether it was inward or outward bound, whether the amount so received, collected, or charged is in full payment of pilotage, and ((such)) other information as the board shall prescribe by ((regulation prescribe)) rule. The board may from time to time require additional information as it deems necessary.
- (2) The report shall include information for each vessel that suffers a grounding, collision, or other major marine casualty that occurred while the pilot was on duty during the reporting period. The report shall also include information on near miss incidents as defined in RCW 88.46.100. Information concerning near miss incidents provided pursuant to this section shall not be used for imposing any sanctions or penalties. The board shall forward information provided under this subsection to the department of ecology for inclusion in the collision reporting system established under RCW 88.46.100.
- Sec. 11. RCW 88.16.118 and 2005 c 123 s 2 and 2005 c 26 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1)(a) A ((ship's)) pilot licensed to act as such by the state of Washington, and any countywide port district located partly or entirely within the Grays Harbor pilotage district as defined by RCW 88.16.050(2) authorized to provide pilotage services with pilots employed by or under contract with the port district, shall not be liable for damages in excess of the amount of five thousand dollars for damages or loss occasioned by a pilot's or pilot trainee's errors, omissions, fault, or neglect in the performance of pilotage or pilot training services, except as may arise by reason of the willful misconduct or gross negligence of ((a)) the pilot.

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(b) A pilot trainee licensed to act as such by the state of Washington is not liable for damages in excess of the amount of five thousand dollars for damages or loss occasioned by the pilot trainee's errors, omissions, fault, or neglect in the performance of pilotage or pilot training services, except as may arise by reason of the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the pilot trainee.

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- (2) When a pilot or pilot trainee boards a vessel to provide pilotage services, that pilot or pilot trainee becomes a servant of the vessel and its owner and operator. Nothing in this section exempts the vessel, its owner, or its operator from liability for damage or loss occasioned by that ship to a person or property on the ground that (((1))) (a) the ship was piloted by a Washington state licensed pilot or pilot trainee, or (((2))) (b) the damage or loss was occasioned by the error, omission, fault, or neglect of a Washington state licensed pilot or pilot trainee.
- (3) Pilots, pilot trainees, and board members are immune from civil liability to any party for damages or other relief that is in any way based on the communication of, to a pilot or pilot trainee, to the board, or to any other appropriate governmental authority or person, any of the following: (a) Information about any incident or occurrence involving collision, allision, or grounding of any vessel, including near-miss occurrences; (b) information about any other marine occurrence that the pilot or pilot trainee believes involved or involves undue risk in the navigation of any vessel that could result in damage to any person, vessel, structure, aid to navigation, or the marine environment of this state; or (c) any report or other written, oral, or electronic evaluation of the performance of any pilot or pilot trainee. "Performance" includes, but is not limited to, professional ability, attitude, performance of duties, effort, knowledge, skills, and other relevant factors. This protection and immunity does not apply when a pilot or pilot trainee intentionally releases or discloses information known to be false. The immunity granted to a person under this section is in addition to any common law or statutory privilege or immunity enjoyed by the person, and this section is not intended to abrogate or modify any such common law or statutory privilege or immunity. The immunity from civil liability provided under this section shall be liberally construed to accomplish the purposes of this

1 chapter and to encourage the free flow of information and opinions to

2 the board.

Sec. 12. RCW 88.16.135 and 1987 c 485 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

Any ((steamship company or)) ship operator or ship husbanding agent may submit a request in writing to the board that a particular pilot not be assigned to pilot that company's vessels. The request shall be based on specific safety concerns of the ((steamship company or)) ship operator or ship husbanding agent.

The board shall notify interested persons and hold a hearing on that request, and either approve or disapprove the request. If the request is approved, the board shall notify the affected pilot and give the pilot a specific list of vessels for which that pilot shall not provide pilotage services.

- **Sec. 13.** RCW 88.16.155 and 1977 ex.s. c 337 s 11 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) The master of any vessel which employs a Washington licensed pilot shall certify on a form prescribed by the board of pilotage commissioners that the vessel complies with:
 - (a) Such provisions of the United States coast guard regulations governing the safety and navigation of vessels in United States waters, as codified in Title 33 of the code of federal regulations, as the board may prescribe; and
 - (b) The provisions of current international agreements governing the safety, radio equipment, and pollution of vessels and other matters as ratified by the United States Senate and prescribed by the board.
 - (2) The master of any vessel which employs a Washington licensed pilot shall be prepared to produce, and any Washington licensed pilot employed by a vessel shall request to see, certificates of the vessel which certify and indicate that the vessel complies with subsection (1) of this section and the rules of the board promulgated pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.
 - (3) If the master of a vessel which employs a Washington licensed pilot cannot certify that the vessel complies with subsection (1) of this section and the rules of the board adopted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the master shall certify that:

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1 (a) The vessel will comply with subsection (1) of this section 2 before the time the vessel is scheduled to leave the waters of 3 Washington state; and

- (b) The coast guard captain of the port was notified of the noncomplying items when they were determined; and
- (c) The coast guard captain of the port has authorized the vessel to proceed under such conditions as prescribed by the coast guard pursuant to its authority under federal statutes and regulations.
- (4) After the board has prescribed the form required under subsection (1) of this section, no Washington licensed pilot shall offer pilotage services to any vessel on which the master has failed to make a certification required by this section. If the master fails to make a certification the pilot shall:
 - (a) Disembark from the vessel as soon as <u>safely</u> practicable; and
- (b) Immediately inform the ((port)) coast guard captain of the port of the conditions and circumstances by the best possible means; and
- (c) Forward a written report to the board no later than twenty-four hours after disembarking from the vessel.
- (5) Any Washington licensed pilot who offers pilotage services to a vessel on which the master has failed to make a certification required by this section or the rules of the board adopted under this section shall be subject to RCW 88.16.150, as now or hereafter amended, and RCW 88.16.100, as now or hereafter amended.
- (6) The board shall revise the requirements enumerated in this section as necessary to reflect changes in coast guard regulations, federal statutes, and international agreements. All actions of the board under this section shall comply with chapters 34.05 and 42.30 RCW. The board shall prescribe the time of and method for retention of forms which have been signed by the master of a vessel in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- 31 (7) This section shall not apply to the movement of dead ships. 32 The board shall prescribe pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, after 33 consultation with the coast guard and interested persons, for the 34 movement of dead ships and the certification process thereon.
- **Sec. 14.** RCW 88.16.200 and 1991 c 200 s 603 are each amended to read as follows:

Any vessel designed for the purpose of carrying as its cargo liquefied natural or ((propane)) liquefied petroleum gas shall adhere to the provisions of RCW 88.16.190(2) as though it were an oil tanker.

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 15.** A new section is added to chapter 88.16 RCW 5 to read as follows:

6 A master, pilot, or pilot trainee who deviates from the provisions 7 of this chapter or Title 363 WAC in order to comply with any federal or international law or treaty, such as 46 U.S.C. Sec. 2304 et seq., or 8 any other provision of law of the state, or who deviates in order to 9 ensure the safety of the vessel or its crew under the control of the 10 11 master, pilot, or pilot trainee, shall submit a pilot's report of 12 marine safety occurrence as prescribed by the board of pilotage commissioners in WAC 363-116-200 in the case of a near-miss occurrence. 13 If the deviation occurred while the vessel was operating under the 14 control of a pilot or pilot trainee licensed in this state, then the 15 16 report must be submitted by the pilot or pilot trainee with input 17 provided by the master. The report must describe the circumstances leading to the deviation from the provisions of this chapter and the 18 consequences of that deviation. If the consequences of the deviation 19 20 include an incident as defined in WAC 363-116-200, then the pilot's 21 report of marine safety occurrence must be submitted in addition to any reports required as a result of the incident. 22 The board shall 23 investigate the circumstances surrounding the deviation and, if the 24 facts of the situation so warrant, may waive enforcement action against the master, pilot, or pilot trainee if the board finds that the 25 26 deviation was: Taken in order to comply with any other law that may 27 have precedence; required by the ordinary practice of seamen; or 28 justified by the special circumstances of the case.

- 29 **Sec. 16.** RCW 34.05.514 and 2001 c 220 s 3 are each amended to read 30 as follows:
- 31 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) ((and (3))) through (4)
 32 of this section, proceedings for review under this chapter shall be
 33 instituted by paying the fee required under RCW 36.18.020 and filing a
 34 petition in the superior court, at the petitioner's option, for (a)
 35 Thurston county, (b) the county of the petitioner's residence or

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principal place of business, or (c) in any county where the property owned by the petitioner and affected by the contested decision is located.

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- (2) For proceedings involving institutions of higher education, the petition shall be filed either in the county in which the principal office of the institution involved is located or in the county of a branch campus if the action involves such branch.
- (3) For proceedings conducted by the pollution control hearings 8 board pursuant to chapter 43.21B RCW or as otherwise provided in RCW 9 90.03.210(2) involving decisions of the department of ecology on 10 applications for changes or transfers of water rights that are the 11 12 subject of a general adjudication of water rights that is being 13 litigated actively under chapter 90.03 or 90.44 RCW, the petition must 14 be filed with the superior court conducting the adjudication, to be consolidated by the court with the general adjudication. A party to 15 16 the adjudication shall be a party to the appeal under this chapter only 17 if the party files or is served with a petition for review to the 18 extent required by this chapter.
- 19 (4) For proceedings involving appeals of examinations or evaluation 20 exercises of the board of pilotage commissioners under chapter 88.16 21 RCW, the petition must be filed either in Thurston county or in the 22 county in which the board maintains its principal office.
- 23 **Sec. 17.** RCW 88.16.061 and 1967 c 15 s 11 are each amended to read 24 as follows:
- The account in the general fund designated in RCW 43.79.330(17) as the "Puget Sound pilotage account" is hereby redesignated as the "pilotage account".

The pilotage account is hereby redesignated as a nonappropriated 28 account, and is therefore created in the custody of the state 29 treasurer. All receipts designated, credited, or transferred to the 30 pilotage account must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from 31 the account may be used only for the purposes of the board of pilotage 32 commissioners as prescribed under this chapter. Only the board or the 33 34 board's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The 35 account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but 36 an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

Sec. 18. RCW 43.79.330 and 1991 sp.s. c 13 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

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- All moneys to the credit of the following state funds on the first day of August, 1955, and all moneys thereafter paid to the state treasurer for or to the credit of such funds, are hereby transferred to the following accounts in the state treasury, the creation of which is hereby authorized:
- 8 (1) Capitol building construction fund moneys, to the capitol building construction account;
 - (2) Cemetery ((fund)) account moneys, to the cemetery account;
- 11 (3) Feed and fertilizer fund moneys, to the feed and fertilizer 12 account;
- 13 (4) Forest development fund moneys, to the forest development 14 account;
- 15 (5) Harbor improvement fund moneys, to the harbor improvement 16 account;
- 17 (6) Millersylvania Park current fund moneys, to the Millersylvania 18 Park current account;
- 19 (7) ((Puget Sound pilotage fund moneys, to the Puget Sound pilotage 20 account;
- 21 (8)) Real estate commission fund moneys, to the real estate 22 commission account;
- 23 $((\frac{(9)}{)})$ Reclamation revolving fund moneys, to the reclamation 24 revolving account;
- $((\frac{10}{10}))$ (9) University of Washington building fund moneys, to the University of Washington building account; and
- $((\frac{11}{1}))$ (10) State College of Washington building fund moneys, to the Washington State University building account.
- 29 **Sec. 19.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2007 c 514 s 3, 2007 c 513 s 1, 2007 c 30 484 s 4, and 2007 c 356 s 9 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 32 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state 33 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which 34 account is hereby established in the state treasury.
- 35 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or receive 36 funds associated with federal programs as required by the federal cash 37 management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income account is

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subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is 1 2 required for refunds or allocations of interest earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of interest to the 3 federal treasury required under the cash management improvement act 4 5 fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the amounts due to or 6 7 from the federal government pursuant to the cash management improvement The office of financial management may direct transfers of funds 8 9 between accounts as deemed necessary to implement the provisions of the 10 cash management improvement act, and this subsection. allocations shall occur prior to the distributions of earnings set 11 12 forth in subsection (4) of this section.

- (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.
- (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the treasury income account except:

The following accounts and funds shall receive their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's average daily balance for the period: The aeronautics account, the aircraft search and rescue account, the budget stabilization account, the capitol building construction account, the Cedar River channel construction and operation account, the Central Washington University capital projects the charitable, educational, penal and institutions account, the Columbia river basin water supply development account, the common school construction fund, the county arterial preservation account, the county criminal justice assistance account, the county sales and use tax equalization account, the data processing building construction account, the deferred compensation administrative account, the deferred compensation principal account, the department of licensing services account, the department of retirement systems

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expense account, the developmental disabilities community trust 1 2 account, the drinking water assistance account, the drinking water assistance administrative account, the drinking water assistance 3 repayment account, the Eastern Washington University capital projects 4 account, the education construction fund, the education legacy trust 5 account, the election account, the energy freedom account, the 6 7 essential rail assistance account, The Evergreen State College capital projects account, the federal forest revolving account, the ferry bond 8 retirement fund, the freight congestion relief account, the freight 9 10 mobility investment account, the freight mobility multimodal account, the grade crossing protective fund, the health services account, the 11 12 public health services account, the health system capacity account, the 13 personal health services account, the high capacity transportation 14 account, the state higher education construction account, the higher education construction account, the highway bond retirement fund, the 15 highway infrastructure account, the highway safety account, the high-16 17 occupancy toll lanes operations account, the industrial insurance premium refund account, the judges' retirement account, the judicial 18 retirement administrative account, the judicial retirement principal 19 account, the local leasehold excise tax account, the local real estate 20 21 excise tax account, the local sales and use tax account, the medical 22 aid account, the mobile home park relocation fund, the motor vehicle fund, the motorcycle safety education account, the 23 24 transportation account, the municipal criminal justice assistance 25 account, the municipal sales and use tax equalization account, the 26 natural resources deposit account, the oyster reserve land account, the 27 pension funding stabilization account, the perpetual surveillance and maintenance account, ((the pilotage account,)) the public employees' 28 retirement system plan 1 account, the public employees' retirement 29 system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the public facilities 30 construction loan revolving account beginning July 1, 2004, the public 31 32 health supplemental account, the public transportation systems account, the public works assistance account, the Puget Sound capital 33 34 construction account, the Puget Sound ferry operations account, the 35 Puyallup tribal settlement account, the real estate appraiser 36 commission account, the recreational vehicle account, the regional 37 mobility grant program account, the resource management cost account, 38 the rural arterial trust account, the rural Washington loan fund, the

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safety and education account, the site closure account, the small city 1 2 pavement and sidewalk account, the special category C account, the special wildlife account, the state employees' insurance account, the 3 state employees' insurance reserve account, the state investment board 4 5 expense account, the state investment board commingled trust fund accounts, the state patrol highway account, the supplemental pension 6 7 account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, the teachers' retirement system plan 1 account, the teachers' retirement system 8 combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and control 9 10 account, the tobacco settlement account, the transportation 2003 account (nickel account), the transportation equipment fund, the 11 12 transportation fund, the transportation improvement account, the 13 improvement board bond retirement transportation account, the 14 transportation infrastructure account, the transportation partnership account, the traumatic brain injury account, the tuition recovery trust 15 fund, the University of Washington bond retirement fund, the University 16 17 of Washington building account, the urban arterial trust account, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' relief and pension 18 principal fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' 19 administrative fund, the Washington fruit express account, the 20 21 Washington judicial retirement system account, the Washington law 22 enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1 retirement account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' 23 24 system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public safety 25 employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the Washington state 26 27 health insurance pool account, the Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State University building account, the 28 Washington State University bond retirement fund, the water pollution 29 control revolving fund, and the Western Washington University capital 30 31 projects account. Earnings derived from investing balances of the 32 agricultural permanent fund, the normal school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the scientific permanent fund, and the 33 34 state university permanent fund shall be allocated to their respective 35 beneficiary accounts. All earnings to be distributed under this 36 subsection (4)(a) shall first be reduced by the allocation to the state 37 treasurer's service fund pursuant to RCW 43.08.190.

- 1 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state 2 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings 3 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.
 - **Sec. 20.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2007 c 523 s 5, 2007 c 357 s 21, and 2007 c 214 s 14 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

- (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited, invested, and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with RCW 43.84.080 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the money were in the state treasury.
- (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust fund shall be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be known as the investment income account.
- (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.
- (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings credited to the investment income account to the state general fund except under (b) and (c) of this subsection.
- (b) The following accounts and funds shall receive their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance for the period: The Washington promise scholarship account, the college savings program account, the Washington advanced college tuition payment program account, the agricultural local fund, the American Indian scholarship endowment fund, the foster care scholarship endowment fund, the foster care endowed scholarship trust fund, the students with dependents grant account, the basic health plan self-insurance reserve account, the contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state combined fund drive account, the commemorative works account, the Washington international exchange scholarship endowment fund, the developmental disabilities endowment trust fund, the energy account, the fair fund, the family leave insurance account, the fruit and vegetable inspection

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account, the future teachers conditional scholarship account, the game 1 2 farm alternative account, the GET ready for math and science scholarship account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the juvenile 3 accountability incentive account, the law enforcement officers' and 4 firefighters' plan 2 expense fund, the local tourism promotion account, 5 the pilotage account, the produce railcar pool account, the regional 6 7 transportation investment district account, the rural rehabilitation account, the stadium and exhibition center account, the youth athletic 8 9 facility account, the self-insurance revolving fund, the sulfur dioxide 10 abatement account, the children's trust fund, the Washington horse racing commission Washington bred owners' bonus fund account, the 11 12 Washington horse racing commission class C purse fund account, the 13 individual development account program account, the Washington horse 14 racing commission operating account (earnings from the Washington horse racing commission operating account must be credited to the Washington 15 16 horse racing commission class C purse fund account), the life sciences 17 discovery fund, the Washington state heritage center account, and the reading achievement account. However, the earnings to be distributed 18 shall first be reduced by the allocation to the state treasurer's 19 service fund pursuant to RCW 43.08.190. 20

- (c) The following accounts and funds shall receive eighty percent of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance for the period: The advanced right-of-way revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving account, the city and county advance right-of-way revolving fund, the federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high occupancy vehicle account, the local rail service assistance account, and the miscellaneous transportation programs account.
- 29 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state 30 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings 31 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. Sections 17 through 20 of this act take effect July 1, 2009.

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