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1 AN ACT Relating to replacing the administrator of the office of
2 marine safety as an ex officio member of the board of pilotage
3 commissioners with a public member experienced in marine incident
4 investigation; and amending RCW 88.16.010.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 88.16.010 and 1991 c 200 s 1001 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The board of pilotage commissioners of the state of Washington
9 is hereby created and shall consist of the assistant secretary of
10 marine transportation of the department of transportation of the state
11 of Washington, or the assistant secretary's designee who shall be an
12 employee of the marine division, who shall be chairperson, (~~the~~
13 ~~administrator of the office of marine safety, or the administrator's~~
14 ~~designee,~~) and seven members appointed by the governor and confirmed
15 by the senate. Each of the appointed commissioners shall be appointed
16 for a term of four years from the date of the member's commission. No
17 person shall be eligible for appointment to the board unless that
18 person is at the time of appointment eighteen years of age or over and
19 a citizen of the United States and of the state of Washington. Two of

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

19 (2) Any vacancy in an appointed position on the board shall be
20 filled by the governor for the remainder of the unfilled term, subject
21 to confirmation by the senate.

22 (3) Five members of the board shall constitute a quorum. At least
23 one pilot, one shipping representative, and one public member must be
24 present at every meeting. All commissioners and the chairperson shall
25 have a vote.

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