

**SB152 INTRODUCED**



1 SB152

2 GRJUCCC-1

3 By Senators Sessions, Williams, Figures (N & P)

4 RFD: Mobile County Legislation

5 First Read: 20-Feb-24



1  
2  
3

4 SYNOPSIS:

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

10  
11

12 A BILL

13 TO BE ENTITLED

14 AN ACT

15

16 Relating to Class 2 municipalities; to amend Section  
17 33-4A-13, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to rulemaking  
18 authority of the State Pilotage Commission; to regulate the  
19 usage of maritime data for use in pilotage of vessels.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

23 "§33-4A-13

24 (a) The commission ~~shall have the power and authority~~  
25 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

**SB152 INTRODUCED**



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.