

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 3202

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to pilotage rates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 64.002, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 64.002. PILOTAGE RATE. (a) The rate of pilotage that may be adopted under Sections 63.004 and 63.021 on a class of vessel may not, in a port of this state, exceed \$6.50 for each foot of water that the vessel draws when piloted. This subsection [~~section~~] does not apply to the rate of pilotage established under:

(1) Section 69.001 for:

(A) the public ports of Orange, Port Arthur, and Beaumont; and

(B) privately owned docks or terminals in Orange County or Jefferson County;

(2) Chapter 62; or

(3) Chapters 66-68.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the rate of pilotage that may be adopted on a class of vessel may not, in a port of this state, exceed 120 percent of the highest pilotage rate applicable in any contiguous state.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.