

Amend CSSB 2223 (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In the caption of the bill (page 1, line 19), strike "safe and".

(2) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 66.0171(a), Transportation Code (page 2, lines 9 through 11), strike Subdivision (1) and substitute the following:

(1) "One-way traffic" means a limitation on any part of the area where Galveston Bay reaches the Houston Ship Channel, including the channel immediately north of Morgan's Point, where the meeting, turnaround, and overtaking of any ships are prohibited.

(3) In SECTION 3 of the bill, strike added Sections 66.0171(b), (c), (d), and (e), Transportation Code (page 2, lines 14 through 27), and substitute the following:

(b) Subject to Section 66.016(c), the board by rule shall adopt navigation guidelines for the transit of vessels under the board's jurisdiction.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 66.016(c) and except as provided by Subsection (d), rules adopted under Subsection (b) may not authorize:

(1) more than one vessel per week for which one-way traffic has been imposed to call on a port authority terminal at Bayport or Barbours Cut;

(2) more than one vessel for which one-way traffic has been imposed to call on or depart from a port authority terminal at Bayport or Barbours Cut on the same day; or

(3) the passage of a vessel calling on a port authority terminal at Bayport or Barbours Cut that is not capable of turning around within the turning basin that serves the port authority terminal on which the vessel calls.

(d) Rules adopted under Subsection (c) do not apply to one-way traffic:

(1) governed by an authorization issued by the United States Coast Guard, a dredging vessel, or a vessel operated by military forces personnel; or

(2) that occurs between Morgan's Point and the Houston Turning Basin.

(e) The executive director of the port authority is authorized to take any action necessary, including the execution and delivery of documents, to carry out this section.

(4) In SECTION 4 of the bill, strike added Sections 66.0172(c), (d), and (e), Transportation Code (page 2, lines 43 through 57), and substitute the following:

(c) Subject to Section 66.016(c), the board by rule may authorize piloting a vessel with an overall length that exceeds the maximum overall length provided by Subsection (b) if the board determines that the proposed rules would allow two-way routes to be maintained efficiently and two-way traffic to be conducted efficiently. Before adopting a rule under this subsection, the board must hold at least two public hearings. This subsection does not apply to the adoption of rules governing vessel traffic between Morgan's Point and the Houston Turning Basin.

(5) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 66.016, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The board may adopt a rule under this chapter involving ship movement strategies, including navigation safety guidelines, for use by pilots in the navigable water in this state only on a recommendation from not less than 80 percent of the pilots authorized to operate under the board's jurisdiction.