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H.B. No. 4061

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to pilotage rates in Galveston County.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 67, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Sections 67.0611 to read as follows:

Sec. 67.0611. LIMIT ON PILOTAGE RATE INCREASE. (a) In this section:

(1) "Consumer price index" means the index that the comptroller considers to most accurately report changes in the purchasing power of the dollar for consumers in this state.

(2) "Inflation rate" means the amount, expressed in decimal form rounded to the nearest thousandth, computed by determining the percentage change in the consumer price index for the most recent 12-month period for which the index can be determined as compared to the consumer price index for the 12-month period preceding that period.

(3) "Population growth rate" means the annual rate of growth of a county's or municipality's population, as applicable, as determined in accordance with the most recent annual population estimates provided by the state demographer under Section 468.004, Government Code, expressed in decimal form rounded to the nearest thousandth.

(b) By July 1 or as soon thereafter as practicable, the comptroller shall determine the inflation rate in this state and

1 publish that rate in the Texas Register.

2 (c) The board may not increase a pilotage rate by a rate that
3 exceeds the sum of:

4 (1) the inflation rate in this state; and

5 (2) the population growth rate of Galveston County.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.