
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5461

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY TO ELIMINATE THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MARINE PILOT LICENSE.

SUMMARY

This bill eliminates the fee for issuing or renewing a marine pilot license (currently \$105.48 annually).

Marine pilots are experts in local conditions and navigating specific waters who board vessels to guide them safely through their area. By law, the Connecticut Port Authority licenses marine pilots for state ports and waters, and most registered vessels must have a licensed pilot on board if they embark or disembark from a port in the state or transit the Long Island Sound.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/16/2026)