

# SENATE . . . . . No. 968

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
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An Act relative to the composition of the boston pilots commission..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 103 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out said section and inserting place thereof the  
3   following:-

4           Section 2. There shall be five commissioners of pilots for district one and one deputy  
5   commissioner of pilots for each of the other three districts; provided that of the five  
6   commissioners of pilots for district one, one shall be Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland  
7   Security or his designee, one shall be the Commander of the First Coast Guard District  
8   Commander, Maritime Defense Command One or his designee, and one member shall be the  
9   Harbormaster for the City of Boston or his designee; and provided further that at least one  
10   member of the commissioners of pilots for district one shall possess a valid first class federal  
11   pilotage license. On or before December first in any year when their terms of office expire, their  
12   successors shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for  
13   terms of three years. A deputy commissioner of pilots for any district shall be a resident of a  
14   town having a landing place accessible to vessels from the sea situated within that district. In this

15 chapter, the word “commissioners” shall be held to mean, as to district one, the commissioners of  
16 pilots for said district and, as to each other district mentioned in section one, the deputy  
17 commissioner of pilots for such district. They shall have experience in maritime and nautical  
18 affairs. Appointments of commissioners for district one shall be made upon the recommendation  
19 of the trustees of the Boston Marine Society provided such recommendation is made.  
20 Appointments of commissioners for districts other than district one may be made upon the  
21 recommendation of said trustees. No commissioner for any district shall be such a trustee.