

# DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

## Office of the Governor Board of Examiners of New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River

Standards of Conduct  
(LAC 46:LXX.6311)

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:953 (B), and under the authority of R.S. 34:1041 et seq. and Title 44'PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS, Part LXX. River Pilots, Subpart 3. Board of Examiners for the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots, et seq. the Board of Examiners for New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River declares an emergency to exist and adopts by emergency process the attached regulation for the increased mandatory rest period for New Orleans - Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots.

Due to the safety sensitive nature of the duties performed by state commissioned pilots, this board has a strong commitment to the public and maritime industry. The board has promulgated standards of conduct, in order to further enhance the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of Louisiana and New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots as well as to prevent any imminent peril to public health, safety and welfare, and to achieve and maintain reliable, safe and efficient pilotage services.

The board has the authority to compel each and every individual pilot to be available for and accept orders for pilotage assignments in declared emergency situations or in other overriding operational conditions. This emergency rule amends LAC 46:LXX.6311 to provide for an increased mandatory rest period for New Orleans – Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots during time periods of extreme Mississippi River gauge levels and river currents.

This Emergency Rule becomes effective upon the signature of the President of the Board of Examiners for New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River and shall remain in effect for 120 days, unless rescinded, renewed or until permanent rules and regulations become effective.

### Title 46

## PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

### Part LXX. River Pilots

#### Subpart 3. Board of Examiners for the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots

#### Chapter 63. Standards of Conduct

#### §6311. Mandatory Rest Period

For the purpose of this rule, a turn is the time period from dispatch to the termination of the allotted travel time.

B. All pilots shall have a minimum of twelve hours rest period between turns.

C. For the purpose of this rule, the rest period begins at the termination of the allotted travel time at the completion of one turn and ends at the time of dispatching for the next turn.

D. Notwithstanding Subsection B, the captain of the station and shift pilots shall be exempt from the minimum 12 hours rest period in between turns. However, in no case shall

the captain of the station and shift pilots exceed 12 bridge hours in any 24-hour period.

E. Notwithstanding Subsection B, any pilot completing a turn lasting less than 4 bridge hours or receiving a discharge, shall not be required to comply with the mandatory 12 hours rest period. However, in no case shall any pilot acquire more than 12 hours in a 24-hour period. Pilots requesting 12 hours rest period shall not be called or dispatched in less than 12 hours from the completion of their finishing time.

F. Notwithstanding Subsection B, during a state of declared emergency all pilots shall be exempt from the minimum 8 hours rest period in between turns. However, in no case shall any pilot exceed 12 bridge hours in any 24-hour period.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 34:1041 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Examiners for New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots, LR 31:56 (January 2005), amended by the Office of the Governor, Board of Examiners for New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River, LR 36:500 (March 2010), LR 38:3167 (December 2012), LR 46:

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