

I assent.

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Ugo MIFSUD BONNICI
President

13th June, 1997

ACT No. XIV of 1997

AN ACT to amend the Malta Maritime Authority Act, 1991, Act No. XVII of 1991.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Malta Maritime Authority (Amendment) Act, 1997 and shall be read and construed as one with the Malta Maritime Authority Act, 1991, hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”.

Short title.

Act No. XVII of 1991.

2. For Section 59 of the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:—

Substitution of Section 59 of the principal Act.

“Limitation of liability.

59. (1) The liability for civil damages, of a licensed pilot whether on board a vessel or elsewhere for any loss or damage, including death and personal injury, resulting from any cause during the performance of his duties shall not exceed the sum of Lm5,000 in respect of any one voyage and the cost of the pilotage dues in respect of the voyage during which the liability arose.

(2) Where, without any act or omission by the Authority, any loss of life or personal injury, or loss or damage to any ship, to any property on board any ship or to any

property or rights of any kind, is caused by a licensed pilot, the Authority shall not be liable to damages beyond the amount of Lm5,000.

(3) The limit of liability under this section shall apply to the whole of any losses and damages which may arise upon any one distinct occasion although such losses and damages may be sustained by more than one person.

(4) The grant or renewal of a licence to a pilot by the Authority in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall not place or imply any liability on the Authority or the Government of Malta for any loss or damage occasioned by an act or default of any pilot, whether the employment of a pilot is compulsory or not.”.

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 77 of 9th June, 1997.

Myriam Spiteri Debono
Speaker

RICHARD J. CAUCHI
Clerk to the House of Representatives.