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DELAWARE STATE SENATE

147th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 3
AS AMENDED BY
SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2
AND
HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1 AS AMENDED
BY HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO HOUSE
AMENDMENT NO. 1

ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE
DIAMOND STATE PORT CORPORATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 8784 , Title 29, Delaware Code, by making insertions as shown by underlining and deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

The Corporation shall have upon enactment of this subchapter and upon its creation as provided for herein the powers listed in this section. The Corporation shall be empowered, without limitation and notwithstanding any other laws:

(1) To adopt by-laws to govern the conduct of its affairs and to carry out and discharge its powers, duties and functions and to adopt rules and regulations as appropriate to carry out and discharge its power, duties, and function and to sue and be sued, to enter into contracts and agreements and to plan, finance, develop, construct, purchase, lease, maintain, improve, own, operate or control facilities and such real and personal property as it may deem necessary, convenient or desirable. However, the provisions of this section and any other laws notwithstanding, the Corporation shall not enter into any agreement or transaction to transfer, privatize, or lease all or substantially all of the Port of Wilmington to a single entity, or to a related group of entities unless: (1) the chairperson of the Board of the Corporation makes a presentation to the Joint Committee of Capital Improvement discussing the terms of the proposed final agreement or transaction; (2) following the presentation, the members of the Joint Committee on Capital Improvement explain the terms of the proposed final agreement or transaction to their respective caucuses; and (3) the General Assembly within 30 days of the presentation of

the chairperson of the Board of the Corporation to the Joint Committee on Capital Improvement to the General Assembly approves by concurrent resolution the proposed final agreement or transaction in its entirety. The Delaware General Assembly may reject by concurrent resolution the proposed final agreement or transaction in its entirety in which case the Corporation shall not enter into the proposed final agreement or transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the General Assembly does not approve or reject the proposed final agreement or transaction in its entirety by concurrent resolution within 30 days of the presentation of the proposed final agreement or transaction to the Joint Committee on Capital Improvement then the proposed final agreement or transaction shall be deemed rejected by the General Assembly and the Corporation shall not enter into the proposed final agreement or transaction. No assignment, of any agreement or transaction that has been approved in accordance with this subparagraph, shall be valid unless such assignment is itself approved in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.

(2) To employ such personal and provide such benefits as necessary to carry out its functions and to retain, by contract, engineers, advisors, legal counsel, and other providers of advice, counsel and services which it deems advisable or necessary in the exercise of its purposes and powers and upon such terms as it deems appropriate.

(3) To exercise all of the power and the authority with respect to operation and development of the Port of Wilmington granted to the City of Wilmington by statute enacted by the General Assembly including, without limitation, 22 Laws of Delaware, c. 118, § 1, 50 Laws of Delaware, c. 457, § 3, and 50 Laws of Delaware, c. 4, § 2, but shall not have the power to tax, to issue bonds or to exercise the power of eminent domain.

(4) To have and exercise any and all powers available to a corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 1 of Title 8, the Delaware General Corporation Law.

(5) To do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out its functions of operating and developing the Port of Wilmington and related marine terminal facilities.