GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2015

SENATE BILL 299 RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A USAGE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE STATE PORTS AUTHORITY AND A CARRIER IS NOT A PUBLIC RECORD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 20 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"<u>§ 136-276. Usage contracts.</u>

A usage contract entered into between the Authority and a carrier is not a public record within the meaning of G.S. 132-1. For purposes of this section, the term "usage contract" means a contract or agreement that contains terms and conditions involving terminal services related to maritime activities, including dockage, wharfage, cargo handling, storage, ro-ro service, transportation drayage, and other miscellaneous port services."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of June, 2015.

s/ Daniel J. Forest President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore Speaker of the House of Representatives

Pat McCrory Governor

Approved _____.m. this ______ day of _____, 2015

