2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 249

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

PUBLIC RECORDS: Provides for the confidentiality of certain port facilities records

1	AN ACT		
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(21) and to enact R.S. 34:3499.2, relative to certain		
3	port facility records; to provide for the confidentiality of blueprints, floor plans, and		
4	interior renderings of such facilities and of blueprints, plans, and renderings of p		
5	infrastructure; to provide for an effective date; to provide for a public reco		
6	exception; and to provide for related matters.		
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:		
8	Section 1. R.S. 34:3499.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:		
9	§3499.2. Port facility and infrastructure records		
10	A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, blueprints,		
11	floor plans, and renderings of the interior of a port facility or of a facility on port		
12	property and blueprints, plans, or renderings of port infrastructure shall be		
13	confidential and shall not be subject to inspection, examination, copying, or		
14	reproduction pursuant to the Public Records Law.		
15	B. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the disclosure of a blueprint, floor		
16	plan, or other rendering of the interior of a port facility or of a facility on port		
17	property or a blueprint, plan, or rendering of port infrastructure to appropriate		
18	persons, if such disclosure is necessary or required for any of the following:		
19	(1) To protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.		

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1	(2) To provide or procure security, services, or concessions in and around			
2	the port and its facilities.			
3	(3) To use as part of a public bid or request for proposal process or to			
4	accomplish construction maintenance, repairs, or development.			
5	(4) To facilitate interactions with a federal, state, or local governmental			
6	entity.			
7	Section 2. R.S. 44:4.1(B)(21) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows			
8	§4.1. Exceptions			
9	* * *			
10	B. The legislature further recognizes that there exist exceptions, exemptions,			
11	and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records throughout the revised			
12	statutes and codes of this state. Therefore, the following exceptions, exemptions, and			
13	limitations are hereby continued in effect by incorporation into this Chapter by			
14	citation:			
15	* * *			
16	(21) R.S. 34:340.21, 1005 <u>, 3499.2</u>			
17	* * *			
18	Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not			
19	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature			
20	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. In			
21	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become			
22	effective on the day following such approval.			

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that blueprints, plans, and renderings of the interior of a port facility, of a facility on port property, and of port infrastructure are confidential.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that blueprints, floor plans, and renderings of the interior of a port facility or of a facility on port property and blueprints, plans, or renderings of port

infrastructure are confidential and not subject to inspection, examination, copying, or reproduction pursuant to <u>present law</u> (Public Records Law).

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that <u>proposed law</u> shall not prohibit the disclosure of a blueprint, floor plan, or other rendering of the interior of a port facility or of a facility on port property or a blueprint, plan, or rendering of port infrastructure to appropriate persons, if such disclosure is necessary or required for specified purposes.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(21); Adds R.S. 34:3499.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

- The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on House and</u> <u>Governmental Affairs</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:
- 1. Specify purposes for which the port facility blueprints, renderings, etc., may be disclosed to appropriate persons.
- 2. Make technical changes.