

SENATE BILL NO. 74

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To enact Chapter 53 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 34:5210 through 5215, relative to the creation of the Southeast Louisiana Port Authority Advisory Commission; to provide for definitions; to establish a board of directors; to specify the purpose, powers, jurisdiction, and duties of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 53 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 34:5210 through 5215, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 53. SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA PORT AUTHORITY

ADVISORY COMMISSION

§5210. Short title

This Chapter shall be known and may be referred to as the "Southeast Louisiana Port Authority Advisory Act".

§5211. Definitions

The following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Act" shall mean the Southeast Louisiana Port Authority Advisory Act.

(2) "Commission" shall mean the Southeast Louisiana Port Authority Advisory Commission created by this Chapter.

(3) "Board" shall mean the directors of the commission.

(4) "Department" shall mean the Department of Transportation and Development.

1 (5) "Secretary" shall mean the secretary of the Department of
2 Transportation and Development.

3 §5212. Purpose; legislative findings

4 A. The legislature hereby finds and declares it necessary to provide a
5 forum for the exchange of information between the legislature, the department,
6 and commission members representing the maritime port industry located in
7 the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Jefferson, Orleans,
8 Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, and West Baton
9 Rouge.

10 B. The legislature hereby finds and declares that it is a matter of public
11 necessity to create the Southeast Louisiana Port Authority Advisory
12 Commission to provide the legislature and the department a broad perspective
13 regarding maritime ports and transportation-related matters to be considered
14 in formulating department policies concerning the Louisiana maritime port
15 system located along and near the lower Mississippi River.

16 §5213. Duties

17 The commission shall be responsible for the following:

18 A. Prepare a comprehensive one-year, five-year, and ten-year maritime
19 port mission plan and submit the plan to the governor, speaker of the House of
20 Representatives, president of the Senate, Senate and House committees on
21 transportation, highways and public works, and the Senate and House
22 committees on commerce, no later than December first of each year.

23 B. Review each project eligible to be funded pursuant to R.S. 34:3451 et
24 seq. and make recommendations for approval or disapproval to the legislature.

25 C. Advise the legislature and the department on matters relating to port
26 authorities.

27 §5214. Southeast Louisiana Port Authority Advisory Commission; creation;
28 board of commissioners; compensation

29 A. The Southeast Louisiana Port Authority Advisory Commission is
30 created to assess and make recommendations relative to ports located along the

1 lower Mississippi River in the state of Louisiana.

2 B. The domicile of the commission shall be East Baton Rouge Parish.

3 C. There shall be seven commissioners on the board who shall be the
4 governing body and shall be composed as follows:

5 (1) The chief executive officer of the Port of New Orleans or his designee.

6 (2) The chief executive officer of the Port of South Louisiana or his
7 designee.

8 (3) The executive director of the Port of Greater Baton Rouge or his
9 designee.

10 (4) The executive director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and
11 Terminal District or his designee.

12 (5) The executive director of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal
13 District or his designee.

14 (6) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development
15 or his designee.

16 (7) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development or his designee.

17 D. Commissioners shall serve as long as they hold their current position
18 as president of their respective port or secretary of their respective agency. The
19 commission shall elect from its members a chairman, a vice chairman, and a
20 secretary-treasurer who shall serve two-year terms.

21 E. Commissioners shall not be entitled to any salary for the performance
22 of their duties, but each may be reimbursed by their represented entity for
23 actual expenses incurred in the performance of all duties in connection with
24 business of the commission. Commissioners may be reimbursed for mileage
25 expenses incurred for attendance at meetings of the commission. The mileage
26 allowance shall be fixed by the commission in an amount not to exceed the
27 mileage allowance authorized under state travel regulations, at rates and
28 standards as promulgated by the division of administration subject to the
29 availability of funds.

30 §5215. Meetings; quorum

1 The commission shall meet at least biannually and may meet more
2 frequently upon call of the chairman. A majority of the commissioners shall
3 constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business. All official actions
4 of the commission shall require an affirmative vote of the commissioners
5 present and voting at any meeting.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____