

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE DRH70365-LL-189 (4/13)**

Short Title: Amend State Ports Enabling Legislation.

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Sponsors: Representative McComas.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE PORTS AUTHORITY ENABLING  
LEGISLATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-453 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-453. **Purposes of Authority.**

Through the Authority hereinbefore created, the State of North Carolina may engage in promoting, developing, constructing, equipping, maintaining and operating the harbors and seaports within the State, or within the jurisdiction of the State, and works of internal improvements incident thereto, including the acquisition or construction, maintenance and operation at such seaports or harbors of watercraft and highways and bridges thereon or essential for the proper operation thereof. Said Authority is created as an instrumentality of the State of North Carolina for the accomplishment of the following general purposes:

- (1) To develop and improve the harbors or seaports at ~~Wilmington,~~  
Wilmington and Morehead City and Southport, City, North Carolina,  
and such other places, including inland ports and facilities, as may be  
deemed feasible for a more expeditious and efficient handling of  
waterborne commerce from and to any place or places in the State of  
North Carolina and other states and foreign countries.

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**SECTION 2.** G.S. 143B-454(a)(5) reads as rewritten:

- "(5) The Authority shall appoint an Executive Director, whose salary shall be fixed by the Authority, to serve at its pleasure. The Executive Director or his designee shall appoint, employ, dismiss and, within the limits of available funding, fix the compensation of such other employees as he deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Part.

1                   There shall be an executive committee consisting of the chairman of  
2                   the Authority and ~~two~~ four other members elected annually by the  
3                   Authority. The executive committee shall be vested with authority to  
4                   do all acts which are authorized by the bylaws of the Authority.  
5                   Members of the executive committee shall serve until their successors  
6                   are elected;".

7                   **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.