

SENATE BILL 299: Port Usage Contracts/Public Records

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SUMMARY: Senate Bill 299 provides that a State Ports Authority usage contracts are not public records.

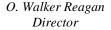
CURRENT LAW: Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, the Public Records Act, defines and requires access to public records, unless State law specifically provides otherwise.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 299 provides that a usage contract between the State Ports Authority and a carrier is not a public record.

The bill defines a usage contract as "a contract or agreement that contains terms and conditions involving terminal services related to maritime activities, including dockage, wharfage, cargo handling, storage, ro-ro service¹, transportation drayage², and other miscellaneous port services."

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

² The transport of containerized cargo between a port and shipping facility.





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¹ Roll on-roll off: relating to shipping by means of a ship designed and equipped to allow vehicles to be driven on or off.