



# 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 service<sup>1</sup>, transportation drayage<sup>2</sup>, and other miscellaneous port services."

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

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

<sup>2</sup> The transport of containerized cargo between a port and shipping facility.

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