

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2015

SESSION LAW 2015-142  
SENATE BILL 299

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A USAGE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE STATE PORTS AUTHORITY AND A CARRIER IS NOT A PUBLIC RECORD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 20 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 136-276. Usage contracts.**

A usage contract entered into between the Authority and a carrier is not a public record within the meaning of G.S. 132-1. For purposes of this section, the term "usage contract" means 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, transportation drayage, and other miscellaneous port services."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

s/ Daniel J. Forest  
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved 1:45 p.m. this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015

