

Senate Bill No. 1256

An act relating to public records exemptions; creating s. 311.13, F.S.; exempting specified information relating to seaports from public records requirements; providing for future review and repeal; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 311.13, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

311.13 Certain information exempt from disclosure.—Seaport security plans of a seaport authority created by act of the Legislature or of a seaport department of a county or municipality that operates an international seaport are exempt from provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. In addition, photographs, maps, blueprints, drawings, and similar materials that depict critical seaport operating facilities are exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, to the extent that a seaport authority created by act of the Legislature or a seaport department of a county or municipality that operates a seaport reasonably determines that such items contain information that is not generally known and that could jeopardize the security of the seaport; however, information relating to real estate leases, layout plans, blueprints, or information relevant thereto, is not to be included in this exemption. The exemptions in this section are applicable only to records held by a seaport authority created by act of the Legislature or to records of a county or municipal seaport department that operates a seaport. The exemptions contained in this section are subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995, in accordance with s. 119.15, and this section shall stand repealed on October 2, 2005, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that seaports constitute a major point of entry for illicit drugs and other contraband and are potential target for terrorist activities. The Legislature further finds that an exemption from public disclosure for seaport security plans and certain photographs, maps, blueprints, drawings and similar materials that depict critical seaport operating facilities is narrowly tailored to serve a public purpose and is necessary to ensure the safety and security of seaports.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 15, 2000.

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