

House Bill No. 945

An act relating to the Jacksonville Seaport Authority; amending ch. 2001-319, Laws of Florida; authorizing applications to be filed for, and agreements with respect to, the establishment of bonded warehouses and a free port, foreign trade zone, or area for the reception from foreign countries of articles or commerce both within and without the territorial boundaries of Duval County; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 3 of section 1 of chapter 2001-319, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 3. Powers.—Each authority shall have the below specified powers, in addition to other powers otherwise conferred by law; however, those powers that relate to maritime issues are vested in the Jacksonville Seaport Authority; those powers that relate to aviation issues are vested in the Jacksonville Airport Authority; those powers that are neutral in nature are vested in both authorities:

(13) To make any and all applications required by the Treasury Department and other departments or agencies of the Federal Government as a condition precedent to the establishment within or without the county of a free port, foreign trade zone, or area for the reception from foreign countries of articles or commerce and to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and the handling, processing, and delivery thereof into foreign commerce free from the payment of custom duties and, provided there is an economic benefit to Duval County, to enter into any agreements required by such departments or agencies in connection therewith and to make like applications and agreements with respect to the establishment within and without said county of one or more bonded warehouses.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 6, 2002.

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