

House Bill No. 275

An act relating to a public records exemption for certain records held by deepwater ports; amending s. 315.18, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for any proposal or counterproposal exchanged between a nongovernmental entity and a deepwater port, or any financial records submitted by a nongovernmental entity to a deepwater port, relating to the sale, use, or lease of land or of port facilities; reenacting such exemption and removing the October 2, 2002, repeal thereof scheduled under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding the October 2, 2002, repeal of said section scheduled pursuant to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995, section 315.18, Florida Statutes, is reenacted and amended to read:

315.18 Confidentiality of certain records held by deepwater ports.—Any proposal or counterproposal exchanged between a deepwater port listed in s. 311.09(1) and any nongovernmental entity, relating to the sale, use, or lease of land or of port facilities, and any financial records submitted by any nongovernmental entity to such a deepwater port for the purpose of the sale, use, or lease of land or of port facilities, are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. However, 30 days before any such proposal or counterproposal is considered for approval by the governing body of such a deepwater port, the proposal or counterproposal shall cease to be exempt. If no proposal or counterproposal is submitted to the governing body for approval, such a proposal or counterproposal shall cease to be exempt 90 days after the cessation of negotiations. ~~This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2002, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved by the Governor March 12, 2002.

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