

Article - Transportation

6-102.

(F) IN ORDER TO MEET INCREASED COMPETITION FROM OTHER STATES' PORTS THAT ARE OPERATED WITH PUBLIC FUNDS EITHER DIRECTLY AS STATE AGENCIES OR INDIRECTLY AS PRIVATE OPERATING COMPANIES, THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION, TO OPERATE PUBLIC PORT FACILITIES EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN THE FORM AND MANNER THAT THE COMMISSION DEEMS NECESSARY.

6-204.

(i) The Administration may acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, improve, maintain, lease as lessor or as lessee, repair, and operate EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH STATE CREATED PRIVATE OPERATING COMPANIES port facilities within its territorial jurisdiction, including the dredging of ship channels and turning basins and the filling and grading of land.

(Q) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION, MAY CREATE PRIVATE OPERATING COMPANIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING PUBLIC PORT FACILITIES.

(2) EMPLOYEES OF A PRIVATE OPERATING COMPANY CREATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ARE NOT STATE EMPLOYEES.

6-204.1.

THE ADMINISTRATION, OR WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE ADMINISTRATION, A PRIVATE OPERATING COMPANY CREATED UNDER § 6-204(Q) OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY:

(1) UPON ITS OWN TERMS AND CONDITIONS DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE OPERATIONAL UNIT OF EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF PORT FACILITIES FOR PURPOSES OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING;

(2) UPON ITS OWN TERMS AND CONDITIONS ACCREDIT AND RECOGNIZE A LABOR ORGANIZATION AS THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF A MAJORITY OF EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED IN THE APPROPRIATE OPERATIONAL UNIT AS DETERMINED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(3) BARGAIN WITH AND ENTER INTO WRITTEN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS CONCERNING WAGES OR SALARIES, HOURS, BENEFITS, AND WORKING CONDITIONS WITH THE LABOR ORGANIZATION ACCREDITED AND RECOGNIZED UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an