

GENERAL HEALTH AND WELFARE BY PROVIDING FOR ADEQUATE WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS, ~~WASTE-COLLECTION-SERVICES, AND-WASTE-DISPOSAL SERVICES.~~

(2) (I) EACH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT ONE OR MORE FRANCHISES OR ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS, ~~WASTE-COLLECTION-SERVICES, AND-WASTE-DISPOSAL-SERVICES~~ ON AN EXCLUSIVE OR NONEXCLUSIVE BASIS TO ANY PERSON, TO IMPOSE FRANCHISE FEES, TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN RATES AND CHARGES, AND TO ESTABLISH RULES, REGULATIONS, AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY SUCH MEASURE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY ANTICOMPETITIVE EFFECT.

(II) IN THE EVENT THAT ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HAS THE ENABLING AUTHORITY GRANTED BY ANY OTHER LAW TO OPERATE WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS, ~~WASTE-COLLECTION-SERVICES, AND-WASTE-DISPOSAL-SERVICES,~~ SUCH SYSTEMS AND SERVICES SHALL BE OPERATED BY THE MUNICIPALITY WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY ANTICOMPETITIVE EFFECT.

(3) IT HAS BEEN AND SHALL CONTINUE TO BE THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT EACH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IS DIRECTED AND AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE ALL POWERS REGARDING WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL NOTWITHSTANDING ANY ANTICOMPETITIVE EFFECT. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY PORTION OF A GENERATOR'S WASTE WHICH IS DIRECTED BY THE GENERATOR TO A SPECIFIC FACILITY FOR REUSE, RECLAMATION OR RECYCLING, OR FOR DISPOSAL ON ITS OWN PROPERTY.

(C) (1) IT HAS BEEN AND SHALL CONTINUE TO BE THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO AUTHORIZE EACH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO SUPPLANT DISPLACE OR LIMIT COMPETITION IN THE AREA OF PORT REGULATION UNDERTAKEN BY A BOARD OF PORT WARDENS PURSUANT TO SECTION 23A(1) OF ARTICLE 23A, TO PROVIDE FOR SAFE HARBORS, FREE OF CONGESTION AND NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS, TO PROVIDE BENEFITS TO MUNICIPAL CITIZENS BY PROTECTING MARINE LIFE AND WILDLIFE, AND TO AVOID WATER POLLUTION AND EROSION.

(2) EACH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT ONE OR MORE FRANCHISES OR ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PLACEMENT, ERECTION OR CONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURES WITHIN OR ON THE WATERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ISSUING OF LICENSES FOR WHARVES OR PIERS, OR THE ISSUING OF PERMITS FOR MOORING PILES, FLOATING WHARVES, BUOYS OR ANCHORS NOTWITHSTANDING ANY ANTICOMPETITIVE EFFECT.

(D) (1) IT HAS BEEN AND SHALL CONTINUE TO BE THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO AUTHORIZE EACH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO SUPPLANT DISPLACE OR LIMIT COMPETITION IN THE AWARD OF CONCESSIONS ON, OVER OR UNDER PROPERTY OWNED, OR LEASED, BY THE MUNICIPALITY AND IN THE LEASING OR SUBLEASING OF PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY THE MUNICIPALITY IN ORDER TO UTILIZE PROPERLY THE ASSETS OF THE MUNICIPALITY FOR THE BEST PUBLIC PURPOSE; TO PROVIDE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST; TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM UNSCRUPULOUS BUSINESS PRACTICES AND