

House Bill 178

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 52-2-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 powers of the Georgia Ports Authority, so as to reassert the power of the Georgia Ports
3 Authority to comply with the terms of certain authorized agreements with the federal
4 government, including terms providing for indemnification; to state the constitutional
5 authority under which this Act is enacted; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act is enacted pursuant to Article III, Section VI, Paragraph II(a)(3) of the Constitution
10 of Georgia.

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Code Section 52-2-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers of the
13 Georgia Ports Authority, is amended by revising paragraph (7) as follows:

14 "(7) To accept loans and grants, either or both, of money or materials or property of any
15 kind from the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof upon
16 such terms and conditions as the United States of America or such agency or
17 instrumentality may impose and the power to comply with such terms and conditions
18 including, but not limited to, the specific power to provide indemnification on behalf of
19 the authority or any other agency or instrumentality of the state if such other agency or
20 instrumentality be an equal participant with the authority as a non-federal sponsor of a
21 congressionally authorized civil works project, for the benefit of the United States of
22 America or any agency or instrumentality thereof;"

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 This Act shall have retroactive effect.

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SECTION 4.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.