



Senate

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General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 464
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 19, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-329b of the general statutes, as amended by
2 section 7 of public act 01-143, is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 As used in sections 7-329a to 7-329u, inclusive:

5 (1) "District" means a port district established pursuant to section 7-
6 329a, or if any such district is terminated, the entity accorded the
7 powers and duties of sections 7-329a to 7-329u, inclusive;

8 (2) "Project" means the acquisition, purchase, construction,
9 reconstruction, improvement or extension of a port facility;

10 (3) "Port authority" means the Bridgeport Port Authority, [and] the
11 New London Port Authority and the New Haven Port Authority
12 created pursuant to sections 7-329a to 7-329u, inclusive, or if [either]
13 any such port authority is terminated, then the successor entity of such

14 port authority accorded the powers and duties of said sections 7-329a
15 to 7-329u, inclusive; and

16 (4) "Port facilities" means (A) wharves, docks, piers, vessels, air or
17 bus terminals, railroad tracks or terminals, cold storage and
18 refrigerating plants, warehouses, elevators, freight-handling
19 machinery and such equipment as is used in the handling of freight,
20 passengers and vessels, vehicles, and the establishment and operation
21 of a port and any other works, vessels, vehicles, rolling stock,
22 properties, buildings, structures or other facilities necessary or
23 desirable for commerce and industry or waterfront development
24 within a district or in connection with the development and operation
25 of port facilities, or (B) manufacturing and industrial facilities,
26 recreational and entertainment facilities, residential facilities or other
27 commercial facilities necessary for commerce and industry or
28 waterfront development within a district, and (C) located within or
29 benefiting the district.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Effect	Municipalities	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
Revenue Gain	New Haven; Various Municipalities	Potential Significant	Potential Significant

Explanation

This bill could result in a significant revenue gain to the City of New Haven from 1) increasing the growth and development of the port of New Haven and 2) making the port eligible for federal and private funds. The bill allows the City of New Haven to create a port authority. The authority would consist of five to seven members appointed by the mayor of New Haven and would manage the operation and development of the port district. The port authority would be eligible to apply for federal funds for port development and security purposes. It would also have the ability of financing land acquisition and development through the issuance of revenue bonds, separate from the City of New Haven.

House Amendment "A" expedites the potential significant revenue gain by changing the effective date from October 1, 2002 to upon passage.

OLR Amended Bill Analysis

SB 464 (as amended by House "A")*

***AN ACT CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW HAVEN
PORT AUTHORITY*****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes New Haven to create a port authority. Under current law, any town can create a port district by a vote of its legislative body, but only Bridgeport and New London are authorized to create port authorities. By law, authorities manage the affairs of the port district. The city's chief executive officer appoints between five and seven members to form the authority board.

*House Amendment "A" changes the bill's effective date from October 1, 2002 to upon passage.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 17 Nay 0

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 20 Nay 4