

IC 8-10-2

Chapter 2. Ports of Indiana—Canals and Storage Facilities

IC 8-10-2-1

Authority for construction or improvement; reimbursement for damages to public or private facilities

Sec. 1. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, the definitions set forth in IC 8-10-1-2 apply throughout this chapter.

(b) In addition to the powers conferred upon the ports of Indiana by other provisions of this article, the ports of Indiana, in order to promote the agricultural, industrial, and commercial development of the state or to provide for the general welfare, and in order to connect any port under its jurisdiction with any other waterway or as part of a plan to ultimately connect such port with any other waterway, shall have the power and is hereby authorized, in cooperation with the federal government or otherwise, to construct a new canal or canals or to improve any canal, river, or other waterway, or both, including but not limited to dredging and all other work required in the design and construction of shipping channels, canals, and turning basins in a manner to accommodate water-borne transportation and the construction of wharves, docks, piers, warehouses, and other facilities for the unloading of barges and other boats. In exercising the powers hereby granted, the ports of Indiana shall have only such powers granted to it by this article in connection with a port project as may relate to the construction of a new canal or canals or the improvement of any canal, river, or other waterway, or both, and the term "port project", as used in this article, shall be deemed to include the construction of a new canal or canals or the improvement of any canal, river, or other waterway, or both, including but not limited to dredging and all other work required in the design and construction of wharves, docks, piers, warehouses, and other facilities for the unloading of barges and other boats. However, the ports of Indiana shall make reimbursement for any actual damage to any public or private facilities, including but not limited to breakwaters, water intakes, wharfs, piers, boat docks, warehouses, and pipeline equipment resulting from such construction and other activities. Nothing in this section shall authorize the ports of Indiana to take, condemn, or disturb any property right or interest in property, existing on March 10, 1967, including permits and authorities to fill and reclaim submerged lands, or any facilities constituting all or part of any operating property or any private or public port.

(Formerly: Acts 1967, c.210, s.1.) As amended by P.L.66-1984, SEC.14; P.L.98-2008, SEC.39.

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Manufacturing, processing, and recreational facilities; damages to public or private facilities; reimbursement

Sec. 2. (a) In addition to the powers conferred upon the ports of Indiana by other provisions of this article, the ports of Indiana, whenever the ports of Indiana finds that the economic welfare of the

state would thereby be benefited, by additional employment opportunities, or by additional diversification of industry within the state, or by increased income or prosperity to the state and its residents, or for any other reason, shall have the power to acquire, construct, maintain, repair, police, and lease to others such facilities for manufacturing, storage, or processing of goods, or for the carrying on of commercial, business, or recreational activities as the ports of Indiana further finds will increase the traffic into or out of the project. Any such facilities and the site thereof shall not be exempt from property taxation, and the lessee in any lease thereof shall agree to pay all property taxes levied on such facilities and the site thereof.

(b) In exercising the powers granted in this section, the ports of Indiana shall have all the powers granted to it by this article, in connection with a project, and the term "project", as used in IC 8-10-1, shall be deemed to include facilities, adjuncts, and appurtenances of the character referred to in this section.

(c) It is further declared that the acquisition, construction, maintenance, repair, policing of, and leasing to others of such facilities under the conditions set forth in this section is a public purpose.

(d) Nothing in this section shall authorize the ports of Indiana to take, condemn, or disturb any property right or interest in property, existing on March 10, 1967, including permits and authorities to fill and reclaim submerged lands, or any facilities constituting all or part of any operating property or any private or public port. The ports of Indiana shall make reimbursement for any actual damage to any public or private facilities, including but not limited to breakwaters, water intakes, wharves, piers, boat docks, warehouses, and pipeline equipment resulting from the exercise by it of any powers granted to it by this section.

(Formerly: Acts 1967, c.210, s.2.) As amended by P.L.66-1984, SEC.15; P.L.224-2003, SEC.225 and P.L.271-2003, SEC.25; P.L.98-2008, SEC.40.

IC 8-10-2-3

Indiana port fund; management and disbursements

Sec. 3. Subject to the approval of the governor, the budget agency, and the budget committee, the ports of Indiana may, notwithstanding the provisions of IC 8-10-1-12 or the provisions of any other statute relating to or appropriating money to the Indiana port fund, expend moneys without further appropriation than the provisions of this chapter from the Indiana port fund for the operation and maintenance of a "port" or "port project" as those terms are defined in this article, and in connection with the issuance of bonds, may covenant to set aside and may set aside moneys from the Indiana port fund in a separate fund or account with a corporate trustee or otherwise to be applied on the cost of such operation and maintenance.

(Formerly: Acts 1967, c.210, s.3.) As amended by P.L.66-1984, SEC.16; P.L.98-2008, SEC.41.