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H.B. No. 4699

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the powers of the board of port commissioners of the  
3 Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 2, Chapter 197, Acts of the 58th  
6 Legislature, Regular Session, 1963, is amended by adding Subsection  
7 (m) to read as follows:

8 (m) The Board of Port Commissioners has absolute control  
9 over channels or other waterways within the corporate limits of the  
10 district, including turning basins, yacht basins, and storage  
11 basins. The district may prevent or remove any obstructions of  
12 those facilities and may set appropriate fees, charges, and tolls  
13 for their use. The fees, charges, and tolls charged by the district  
14 shall be in addition to charges made, as provided by law, for any  
15 facilities used by any ship, boat, vessel, or any other character of  
16 craft used for water transportation for commercial purposes. For  
17 purposes of this subsection, "commercial purposes" is limited to  
18 any common carrier, contract carrier, or public or private carrier  
19 that transports for hire or compensation persons, commodities,  
20 goods, wares, or merchandise.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.