

**HERTEL-LAW-T. STOPCZYNSKI PORT AUTHORITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 639 of 1978**

**120.108 Port authority; powers generally.**

Sec. 8. An authority may:

- (a) Adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business.
- (b) Sue and be sued on the same basis as the state; and adopt and register with the secretary of state an official seal and alter that seal at its pleasure.
- (c) Maintain offices at a place or places, either within or without its jurisdiction as it may determine.
- (d) Acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, improve, maintain, lease as lessor or as lessee, repair, or operate port facilities within its territorial jurisdiction, including the dredging of ship channels and turning basins and the filling and grading of land therefor. An authority may operate a leased facility, owned by the authority, if the lessee defaults and a new lease is negotiated or competitively bid.
- (e) Designate the location and character of the port facilities which the authority may hold or own or over which it is authorized to act and regulate all matters related to the location and character of those port facilities.
- (f) Acquire, hold, and dispose of real and personal property.
- (g) Make directly, or through the hiring of expert consultants, investigations and surveys of whatever nature, including studies of business conditions, freight rates, port services, physical surveys of the conditions of channels and structures, and the necessity for additional port facilities for the development and improvement of commerce and recreation and for the more expeditious handling of that commerce and recreation, and make studies, surveys, and estimates, as necessary for the execution of its powers under this act.
- (h) Promulgate all necessary rules to fulfill the purposes of this act.
- (i) Issue its bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness as provided in this act.
- (j) Fix and revise from time to time and charge and collect rates, fees, rentals, or other charges for the use of a facility owned by the authority.

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**Compiler's note:** See Compiler's note to MCL 120.130.