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An act relating to Hillsborough County; amending chapter 95-488, Laws of Florida; authorizing the Tampa Port Authority to delegate control and regulation of submerged lands; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 7 of chapter 95-488, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 7. POWERS. -- The port authority shall have all the powers necessary to carry out the provisions of this act. The port authority shall have the specific responsibility of planning and of carrying out plans for the long-range development of the facilities of and traffic through the port in the port district. The port authority, prior to acquiring ownership, control, or undertaking the operation of any project, shall give 20 days' notice of a public hearing, at which hearing the public's views shall be heard; except that such public hearing is not required if the ownership, control, or undertaking of operation constitutes or is occasioned by the retaking of possession, ownership, or control of the project by the port authority through lease termination, default or eviction proceeding, bankruptcy proceeding, or settlement with a tenant in lieu of such proceeding or if the total cost to the port authority of acquiring, controlling, or undertaking operation of the project does not exceed the amount specified in section 15. Such notice shall be made by advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation published

in the port district, with a brief description of the general

nature of the project. Without in any manner limiting or restricting the other powers conferred upon it, the port authority shall have the power: (z) To enter into contracts or interlocal agreements adopted pursuant to applicable law with respect to the transfer of responsibility for the control and regulation of submerged lands and the issuance of minor work permits and other permits. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.