## CHAPTER 209 SB 132-FN - FINAL VERSION

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| SENATE BILL | 132-FN  |
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| AN ACT      | relative to dredging projects conducted by the Pease development authority division of ports and harbors. |
| SPONSORS:   | Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24                                    |
| COMMITTEE:  | Transportation  |

# ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the Pease development authority, division of ports and harbors to enter into project partnership agreements for dredging with the Department of the Army.

Explanation:Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics.**<br/>Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]<br/>Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

209:1 New Paragraph; Pease Development Authority; Division of Ports and Harbors; Additional
 Powers and Duties. Amend RSA 12-G:42 by inserting after paragraph XV the following new
 paragraph:

4 XVI. Be authorized to enter into project partnership agreements for navigation improvement 5 and maintenance dredging with the Department of the Army in connection with the ports and state 6 tidal waters under the jurisdiction of the authority and authorized under RSA 12-G:45, including 7 projects to procure, accept, or acquire gifts, loans, or grants from the United States of America or its 8 agencies or departments. Incident to the execution of such agreements and the acceptance of federal 9 aid, the authority may take all actions required of the authority under the agreement, including, but 10 not limited to:

(a) Executing an indemnification agreement in the name of the authority and the state
with and for the benefit of the United States for damage arising from the design, construction, or
operation and maintenance of the project and any betterments of the local service facilities;

(b) Accepting, as between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the authority, the
obligations imposed on an operator of the project under the federal Comprehensive Environmental
Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, 42 U.S.C. section 9601, et seq., as
amended;

18 (c) Providing or acquiring all lands, easements, rights of way, and suitable borrow and 19 dredged or excavated material disposal areas that the Department of the Army determines the 20 authority must provide for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, 21 rehabilitation, monitoring and management of the project; and

(d) Bearing half the costs for services provided in connection with non-bindingalternative dispute resolution as may be necessary under the agreement.

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209:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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26 Approved: July 6, 2015

27 Effective Date: September 4, 2015