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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to the financing of ports in the state.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 55.001, Transportation Code, is amended by  
5 adding Subdivision (6) to read as follows:

9 SECTION 2. Section 55.002(e), Transportation Code, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (e) The commission may use money from the Texas Mobility  
12 Fund to provide funding for a port access improvement project [~~including through a loan, for a port security project, a port~~  
13 ~~transportation project, or a project eligible for funding under~~  
14 ~~Subsection (c)~~].

16 SECTION 3. Subtitle A, Title 4, Transportation Code, is  
17 amended by adding Chapter 56 to read as follows:

## CHAPTER 56. FUNDING OF SHIP CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS

Sec. 56.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

24 (3) "Fund" means the ship channel improvement

1 revolving fund.

2                   (4) "Navigation district" means a navigation district  
3 created under Section 52, Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI,  
4 Texas Constitution, and operating under Chapter 60, 61, 62, or 63,  
5 Water Code.

6                   Sec. 56.002. SHIP CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING FUND. The  
7 ship channel improvement revolving fund is an account in the  
8 general revenue fund. The fund is administered by the department.

9                   SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.