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IN SENATE

April 29, 2025

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to prohibiting a state or local authority from employing or designating a lobbyist to engage in lobbying

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 2859 to read as follows:

§ 2859. Prohibition on retaining lobbyists. 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no state or local authority, or subsidiary thereof, shall, directly or indirectly retain, contract, employ, or designate a lobbyist to engage in lobbying. For the purposes of this section, the terms "lobbyist" and "lobbying" shall have the meanings as defined in section one-c of the legislative law.

2. Any contracts in effect at the time of the effective date of this section, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this section, may be cancelled or terminated by the public authority without incurring any penalty or damages on account of such cancellation or termination, but any monies owing by the public authority for work done prior to the cancellation or termination shall be paid.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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