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Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to increasing port security; and to amend chapter 154 of the laws of 1921 relating to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, in relation to contracts with foreign persons, corporations, or entities

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 718  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 718. PORT SECURITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN. THE OFFICES OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
4     FOR THE STATES OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE  
5     WATERFRONT COMMISSION OF NEW YORK HARBOR SHALL, ON OR BEFORE THE  
6     FIFTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, FOLLOWING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION,  
7     PREPARE, AND DELIVER TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE STATES OF NEW YORK AND NEW  
8     JERSEY, THE PRESIDENTS PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATES OF NEW YORK AND NEW  
9     JERSEY AND THE SPEAKERS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, A  
10    COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, WHICH PROVIDES A PLAN OF ACTION AND INCLUDES  
11    RECOMMENDATIONS, FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PORT AND WATERWAY SECURITY FOR  
12    THE PORT OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, AS WELL AS THE PORTS, WATERWAYS AND  
13    COASTLINES OF THE STATES OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.  
14    SUCH REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:  
15    1. AN EXAMINATION OF THE OVERALL SECURITY ISSUES OF THE PORT OF NEW  
16    YORK AND NEW JERSEY, AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH  
17    ISSUES, INCLUDING:  
18    A. THE OVERALL PROVISION AND STATUS OF PORT SECURITY;  
19    B. THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL FACETS OF PORT SECURITY;  
20    C. CURRENT IMPEDIMENTS TO PROVIDING OPTIMAL LEVELS OF SECURITY;  
21    D. POLICE PATROLS OF THE PORT;  
22    E. INTERAGENCY COOPERATION BETWEEN FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES;  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 F. EMPLOYEE, CREW, SHIPPER, TRANSPORTER AND VISITOR BACKGROUND CHECKS;  
2 G. CURRENT AND POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS;  
3 H. ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS;  
4 I. REAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD ISSUES; AND  
5 J. SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER ITEMS AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS IMPORTANT.

6 2. SUCH REPORT SHALL ALSO INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION OF THE OVERALL SECUR-  
7 RITY ISSUES OF THE PORTS, WATERWAYS AND COASTLINES OF THE STATES OF NEW  
8 YORK AND NEW JERSEY, MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH ISSUES.

9 S 2. Section 1 of chapter 154 of the laws of 1921 relating to the Port  
10 Authority of New York and New Jersey is amended by adding a new article  
11 VI-A to read as follows:

12 ARTICLE VI-A.

13 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS. THE LEGISLATURE FINDS AND  
14 DETERMINES THAT THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF TRANSPORTATION  
15 FACILITIES, INCLUDING PORTS AND TERMINALS, IS AN ESSENTIAL STATE FUNC-  
16 TION AND IS CRITICAL TO BOTH THE NATIONAL AND STATE ECONOMY AND SECURI-  
17 TY.

18 THE LEGISLATURE FURTHER FINDS AND DETERMINES THAT THE PURCHASE,  
19 CONSTRUCTION, LEASING AND/OR OPERATION OF ANY TERMINAL OR PORT FACILITY,  
20 AND THE OWNERSHIP, HOLDING, LEASING AND/OR OPERATING OF ANY REAL OR  
21 PERSONAL PROPERTY INCUMBENT AND/OR ASSOCIATED THEREWITH, WHEREIN ANY  
22 RIGHTS, POWERS OR DUTIES OF THE PORT AUTHORITY ARE GIVEN, AWARDED,  
23 TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED IN THE OWNERSHIP, HOLDING, LEASING AND/OR OPERA-  
24 TION OF ANY SUCH TERMINAL OR PORT FACILITY, OR SUCH REAL OR PERSONAL  
25 PROPERTY, TO ANY FOREIGN PERSON, CORPORATION OR ENTITY, CAN POSE BY ITS  
26 VERY NATURE A SERIOUS AND SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC SECURITY CONCERN.

27 THE LEGISLATURE ADDITIONALLY FINDS AND DETERMINES THAT THE PROTECTION  
28 OF THE PUBLIC AND THEIR INTERESTS DEMAND A THOROUGH AND SERIOUS REVIEW  
29 OF ALL SUCH PUBLIC SECURITY ISSUES CONCERNING ANY SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREE-  
30 MENTS AND/OR DELEGATIONS, AND THAT ANY SUCH CONTRACT, AGREEMENT AND/OR  
31 DELEGATION MUST CONTAIN WITHIN THEIR PROVISIONS CERTAIN SECURITY  
32 REQUIREMENTS TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE PUBLIC SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE  
33 AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE STATES OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, AND THE  
34 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

35 2. SECURITY AGREEMENTS REQUIRED FOR FOREIGN CONTRACTS. THE PORT  
36 AUTHORITY SHALL NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE, CONSTRUCT, LEASE  
37 AND/OR OPERATE ANY TERMINAL OR PORT FACILITY; OR TO MAKE CHARGES FOR THE  
38 USE THEREOF; OR TO OWN, HOLD, LEASE AND/OR OPERATE REAL OR PERSONAL  
39 PROPERTY, WHEREIN ANY RIGHTS, POWERS OR DUTIES OF THE PORT AUTHORITY ARE  
40 GIVEN, AWARDED, TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED IN THE OWNERSHIP, HOLDING, LEAS-  
41 ING AND/OR OPERATION OF ANY SUCH TERMINAL OR PORT FACILITY, OR SUCH REAL  
42 OR PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO ANY FOREIGN BASED PERSON, CORPORATION OR ENTITY  
43 WITHOUT MAINTAINING WITHIN SUCH CONTRACTS A FOREIGN CONTRACT SECURITY  
44 AGREEMENT.

45 A. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A FOREIGN BASED PERSON, CORPORATION  
46 OR ENTITY SHALL INCLUDE:

47 (I) ANY NATURAL PERSON WHO IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES; OR

48 (II) ANY CORPORATION OR ENTITY THAT:

49 (1) IS NOT HEADQUARTERED IN THE UNITED STATES, OR

50 (2) IS NOT CHARTERED BY A STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR

51 (3) HAS NOT LESS THAN 51 PERCENT OF THEIR STOCK OR ASSETS OWNED OR  
52 HELD BY:

53 (A) A PERSON OR PERSONS WHO ARE NOT CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, OR

54 (B) A CORPORATION OR ENTITY, OR COLLECTION THEREOF, THAT ARE:

55 (I) NOT HEADQUARTERED IN THE UNITED STATES, OR

56 (II) NOT CHARTERED BY A STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

1 B. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, A FOREIGN CONTRACT SECURITY AGREEMENT  
2 SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

3 (I) AN AGREEMENT THAT ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE FOREIGN BASED PERSON,  
4 CORPORATION OR ENTITY SHALL, PRIOR TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT OR CONTINUATION  
5 OF EMPLOYMENT, WITH THE FOREIGN BASED PERSON, CORPORATION OR ENTITY, OR  
6 ANY SUBSIDIARY THEREOF, AT ANY TERMINAL OR PORT OWNED, LEASED OR  
7 CONTROLLED BY THE PORT AUTHORITY, PASS A BACKGROUND SECURITY CHECK,  
8 WHICH SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AND DESIGNED BY THE WATERFRONT COMMISSION OF  
9 NEW YORK HARBOR AND THAT ALL COSTS OF DESIGNING AND THE ADMINISTRATION  
10 OF SUCH BACKGROUND SECURITY CHECKS SHALL BE PAID FOR BY THE FOREIGN  
11 BASED PERSON, CORPORATION OR ENTITY; AND

12 (II) AN AGREEMENT THAT ALL CONSTRUCTION, FIT UP AND/OR MODIFICATIONS  
13 OF THE TERMINAL OR PORT FACILITY, OWNED, LEASED OR CONTROLLED BY THE  
14 PORT AUTHORITY, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION AND/OR MAINTENANCE  
15 OF EQUIPMENT FOR USE AT SUCH FACILITY, SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY PERFORMED BY  
16 A PERSON, CORPORATION OR ENTITY WHICH IS NOT FOREIGN BASED OR  
17 CONTROLLED, AND WHICH HAS BEEN PRE-CLEARED BY THE WATERFRONT COMMISSION  
18 OF NEW YORK HARBOR, AND IN NO EVENT SHALL THE FOREIGN BASED PERSON,  
19 CORPORATION OR ENTITY BE PROVIDED WITH, OR BE GIVEN ACCESS TO, ANY MAPS,  
20 DRAWINGS, DIAGRAMS, BLUEPRINTS OR ANY OTHER SECURE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING  
21 THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OF THE TERMINAL OR PORT FACILITY, ITS EQUIP-  
22 MENT AND/OR OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE; AND

23 (III) AN AGREEMENT THAT THE FOREIGN BASED PERSON, CORPORATION OR ENTI-  
24 TY SHALL FUND REGULAR AND NECESSARY PATROLS AND INSPECTIONS OF THE  
25 TERMINAL OR PORT FACILITY, AND ITS EQUIPMENT, CARGO AND OPERATIONS BY  
26 THE PORT AUTHORITY POLICE, THE WATERFRONT COMMISSION POLICE, PERSONNEL  
27 OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, AND/OR PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES  
28 CUSTOMS, TO THE EXTENT AND NUMBER AS SHALL BE REQUIRED BY REGULATION BY  
29 THE STATE POLICE OF THE STATES OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, IN COOPER-  
30 ATION AND CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF HOMELAND SECURITY OF THE  
31 UNITED STATES, THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

32 3. REPORT ON FOREIGN CONTRACTS. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL, WITHIN 30  
33 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION, AND EVERY 180 DAYS THERE-  
34 EAFTER, SUBMIT TO THE CHAIR OF THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING  
35 COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, HOMELAND SECURITY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS, THE CHAIR  
36 OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPER-  
37 ATIONS, THE CHAIR OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
38 LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND THE CHAIR OF THE NEW JERSEY  
39 STATE ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE  
40 PREPAREDNESS, A COMPLETE REPORT OF ALL CURRENT AND PROPOSED CONTRACTS,  
41 AGREEMENTS AND DELEGATIONS BETWEEN THE PORT AUTHORITY AND ANY FOREIGN  
42 BASED PERSON, CORPORATION AND ENTITY. SUCH REPORT SHALL INCLUDE A  
43 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SUCH CURRENT OR PROPOSED CONTRACT, AGREEMENT OR  
44 DELEGATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

45 A. THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONTRACT, AGREEMENT  
46 OR DELEGATION;

47 B. THE AMOUNT THE CONTRACT, AGREEMENT OR DELEGATION IS FOR;

48 C. THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACT, AGREEMENT OR DELEGATION;

49 D. THE NATURE OF THE PROPERTY AND/OR SERVICES TO BE RECEIVED AND/OR  
50 PERFORMED PURSUANT TO THE CONTRACT, AGREEMENT OR DELEGATION; AND

51 E. THE JUSTIFICATION, ON BEHALF OF THE PORT AUTHORITY, IF ANY, AS TO  
52 WHY SUCH CONTRACT, AGREEMENT OR DELEGATION SHOULD BE APPROVED SO AS TO  
53 BE EXECUTED, CONTINUED OR MAINTAINED.

54 4. TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS. ANY CONTRACT, AGREEMENT OR DELEGATION BY  
55 THE PORT AUTHORITY TO ANY FOREIGN PERSON, CORPORATION OR ENTITY, WHICH  
56 DOES NOT CONTAIN THE SECURITY AGREEMENT ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVI-

1 SION 2 OF THIS ARTICLE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY FOLLOWING  
2 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE DEEMED VOID AND CANCELLED,  
3 WITH THE PORT AUTHORITY BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF DAMAGES, IF  
4 ANY, FOR THE VOIDING AND CANCELLING OF THE SAME.

5 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
6 section two of this act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by  
7 the state of New Jersey of legislation having an identical effect with  
8 this act, but if the state of New Jersey shall have already enacted such  
9 legislation, this act shall take effect immediately; provided that the  
10 chair of the port authority shall notify the legislative bill drafting  
11 commission upon the occurrence of the enactment of the legislation  
12 provided for in section two of this act in order that the commission may  
13 maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text  
14 of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the  
15 provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the  
16 public officers law.