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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Galef) --
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recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and the public lands law, in
relation to the sale or transfer of certain real property by the state
or public authorities

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

1 Section 1. Section 2897 of the public authorities law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:
3 8. COMPTROLLER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS. A. NEGOTI-
4 ATED CONTRACTS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY WITH AN ESTIMATED FAIR
5 MARKET VALUE IN EXCESS OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO A
6 PRIVATE ENTITY SHALL REQUIRE SUPERVISION IN THE FORM OF PRIOR REVIEW AND
7 APPROVAL OF SUCH CONTRACTS AND ANY SUCH CONTRACT ENTERED INTO SHALL BE
8 SUBMITTED TO THE COMPTROLLER AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THEIR APPROVAL
9 AND SHALL NOT BE A VALID ENFORCEABLE CONTRACT UNLESS IT SHALL FIRST HAVE
10 BEEN SO APPROVED. THE COMPTROLLER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ATTORNEY
11 GENERAL, SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY
12 TO CARRY OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING BUT
13 NOT LIMITED TO THE STANDARDS FOR APPROVING CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO THIS
14 SUBDIVISION.
15 B. WHERE A CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REVIEW BY THE COMPTROLLER
16 AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION,
17 THE VENDOR PUBLIC AUTHORITY SHALL INCLUDE OR CAUSE TO BE INCLUDED IN
18 EACH SUCH CONTRACT A PROVISION INFORMING THE OTHER PARTY THAT SUCH
19 CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO THE COMPTROLLER'S AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
20 APPROVAL PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION AND THE COMPTROLLER'S AUTHORITY TO
21 SUPERVISE THE ACCOUNTS OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS. IF THE COMPTROLLER AND
22 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAVE NOT APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED ANY CONTRACT
23 SUBJECT TO HIS OR HER APPROVAL WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF SUBMISSION TO HIS
24 OR HER OFFICE, SUCH CONTRACT SHALL BECOME VALID AND ENFORCEABLE WITHOUT
25 SUCH APPROVAL.

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

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1 S 2. The public lands law is amended by adding a new section 33-a to
2 read as follows:

3 S 33-A. COMPTROLLER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL OF PRIVATE SALE
4 CONTRACTS. 1. TO THE EXTENT A PUBLIC SALE IS NOT REQUIRED AND A NEGOTI-
5 ATED CONTRACT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF UNAPPROPRIATED STATE LANDS WITH AN
6 ESTIMATED FAIR MARKET VALUE IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO
7 A PRIVATE ENTITY IS DEEMED AUTHORIZED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE
8 OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, RULE OR REGULATION, SUCH NEGOTIATED
9 CONTRACT SHALL REQUIRE SUPERVISION IN THE FORM OF PRIOR REVIEW AND
10 APPROVAL OF SUCH CONTRACT AND ANY SUCH CONTRACT ENTERED INTO SHALL BE
11 SUBMITTED TO THE COMPTROLLER AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THEIR APPROVAL
12 AND SHALL NOT BE A VALID ENFORCEABLE CONTRACT UNLESS IT SHALL FIRST
13 HAVE BEEN SO APPROVED. THE COMPTROLLER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ATTOR-
14 NEY GENERAL, SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BE
15 NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS SECTION,
16 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE STANDARDS FOR APPROVING CONTRACTS
17 SUBJECT TO THIS SUBDIVISION.

18 2. WHERE A CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REVIEW BY THE COMPTROLLER
19 AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION,
20 THE VENDOR SHALL INCLUDE OR CAUSE TO BE INCLUDED IN EACH SUCH CONTRACT A
21 PROVISION INFORMING THE OTHER PARTY THAT SUCH CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO THE
22 COMPTROLLER'S AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S APPROVAL PURSUANT TO THIS
23 SECTION. IF THE COMPTROLLER AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAVE NOT APPROVED
24 OR DISAPPROVED ANY CONTRACT SUBJECT TO HIS OR HER APPROVAL WITHIN NINETY
25 DAYS OF SUBMISSION TO HIS OR HER OFFICE, SUCH CONTRACT SHALL BECOME
26 VALID AND ENFORCEABLE WITHOUT SUCH APPROVAL.

27 3. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE NOTWITHSTANDING
28 THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER GENERAL OR SPECIAL LAW RELATING TO THE
29 DISPOSAL OF LANDS BELONGING TO THE STATE, AND ANY SUCH STATUTE OR PARTS
30 THEREOF RELATING TO SUCH DISPOSAL OF STATE LANDS INsofar AS THEY ARE
31 INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE HEREBY SUPERSEDED.

32 S 3. Subdivision 4 of section 3 of the public lands law, as amended by
33 chapter 785 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read as follows:

34 4. A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or other
35 statute, the commissioner of general services, upon the application of
36 any state department, or a division, bureau or agency thereof, or upon
37 the application of any state agency, may transfer to such state depart-
38 ment, division, bureau, or agency, or state agency, the jurisdiction
39 over any lands, including lands under water, abandoned canal lands and
40 salt springs reservation land, upon such terms and conditions as the
41 commissioner may deem just and proper and upon the consent of the
42 department, or a division, bureau or agency thereof, or any state agen-
43 cy, already having jurisdiction over such lands and notwithstanding any
44 other provision of this chapter or other statute, authority to give such
45 consent is hereby conferred upon the head of any such state department,
46 or a division, bureau or agency thereof, or any state agency; provided,
47 however, that if the commissioner of general services determines that
48 any such land under the jurisdiction of any state department, or a divi-
49 sion, bureau or agency thereof, or any state agency other than a public
50 authority or public benefit corporation is under utilized or is not
51 being utilized in a manner consistent with the best interests of the
52 state, such commissioner may on his own initiative, and without the
53 application or consent referred to above but subject to the procedure
54 and review provided in section two-a of this article, transfer the
55 jurisdiction over such land to any other state department, or a divi-

1 sion, bureau or agency thereof, or any other state agency other than a
2 public authority or public benefit corporation.

3 B. Should such land be under the jurisdiction of the office of mental
4 health or the office of mental retardation and developmental disabili-
5 ties upon which a community residential facility for the disabled as
6 defined in section 41.34 of the mental hygiene law exists, the commis-
7 sioner of general services shall, prior to transferring the jurisdiction
8 over such land to any other state department, or a division, bureau or
9 agency thereof, or any other state agency other than a public authority
10 or public benefit corporation offer such land for sale at public auction
11 pursuant to section thirty-three of this chapter; provided, however,
12 that the provisions of section four hundred six of the eminent domain
13 procedure law shall apply to such property.

14 C. NO TRANSFER OF LAND, AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, OR GRANT OR
15 CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO A PUBLIC AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION
16 SHALL BE DEEMED VALID UNLESS NOTICE IS PROVIDED IN WRITING TO EACH
17 MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE IN WHOSE DISTRICT ANY PORTION OF THE LAND
18 SUBJECT TO THE PROPOSED TRANSFER IS LOCATED. SUCH NOTICE SHALL PROVIDE
19 A DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND, IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED TRANSFEROR AND
20 TRANSFEREE STATE DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS, BUREAUS, AGENCIES, STATE AGEN-
21 CIES, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES OR PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATIONS AND THE TERMS
22 AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROPOSED TRANSFER. UNLESS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM
23 THE DATE SUCH NOTICE IS GIVEN, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE ENTITLED TO
24 NOTICE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH OBJECTS TO SUCH PROPOSED ACTION, THE
25 COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES MAY EFFECT SUCH TRANSFER OF JURISDIC-
26 TION. IF WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE GIVING OF SUCH NOTICE, A MEMBER OF
27 THE LEGISLATURE ENTITLED TO NOTICE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH OBJECTS TO
28 THE ACTION PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES BY FILING
29 NOTICE TO SUCH EFFECT WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES, SUCH
30 PROPOSED ACTION SHALL BE REVIEWED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET AND THE
31 SECRETARY OF STATE. THEY SHALL AFFIRM OR REVERSE THE PROPOSED ACTION BY
32 THE COMMISSIONER AND THAT DECISION SHALL BE FINAL. IF THEY AFFIRM THE
33 PROPOSED ACTION OR FAIL TO RENDER A DETERMINATION WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF
34 THE DATE OF THE NOTICE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY THEREUPON EFFECT SUCH
35 TRANSFER.

36 S 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
37 have become a law.