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AN ACT to amend chapter 154 of the laws of 1921 relating to the port authority of New York and New Jersey, in relation to collective employment negotiations, notice of the issuance of debt and capital plans and projects

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 4 of paragraph e of subdivision 6 of article
2 IV of section 1 of chapter 154 of the laws of 1921 relating to the port
3 authority of New York and New Jersey, as amended by chapter 559 of the
4 laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

5 (4) interview any officer or employee of the port authority or its
6 subsidiaries on any matter related to the performance of such officer or
7 employee's official duties. [To the extent that any portion of this
8 paragraph is inconsistent with any current contractual obligations of
9 the port authority, this paragraph shall not be applicable to those
10 obligations until the earliest expiration of those terms under the
11 contract] TO THE EXTENT THAT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF
12 ANY EMPLOYEE ARE ESTABLISHED BY COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS, ANY INTERVIEW
13 CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY
14 APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE CURRENT, OR MOST RECENT, IF EXPIRED,
15 COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT COVERING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF
16 EMPLOYMENT OF THE EMPLOYEE;

17 S 2. Subdivision 8 of article IV of section 1 of chapter 154 of the
18 laws of 1921 relating to the port authority of New York and New Jersey,
19 as added by chapter 559 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 8. A. THE PORT AUTHORITY, AT THE REQUEST OF THE ASSEMBLY OR SENATE OF
22 THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE OR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR SENATE OF THE
23 NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE, SHALL BE REQUIRED TO APPEAR BEFORE A
24 COMMITTEE OF THE REQUESTING STATE LEGISLATIVE HOUSE, UPON REQUEST BY THE
25 PRESIDING OFFICER OF THAT STATE LEGISLATIVE HOUSE, TO PRESENT TESTIMONY

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

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1 ON ANY TOPIC OR SUBJECT REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE OR TO RESPOND TO
2 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. THE ASSEMBLY OF THE NEW YORK
3 STATE LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE, THE
4 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE, AND THE SENATE OF
5 THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE SHALL EACH BE ENTITLED TO TWO SUCH
6 REQUESTS PER CALENDAR YEAR.

7 B. UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED TO BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE STATE
8 LEGISLATIVE HOUSE REQUESTING THE APPEARANCE OF THE PORT AUTHORITY, THE
9 PORT AUTHORITY SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, BE REPRESENTED BY THE CHAIR OR
10 VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL
11 OFFICER, AND ANY STAFF DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CHAIR OR VICE-CHAIR OF
12 THE BOARD, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO
13 PRESENT TESTIMONY OR RESPOND TO QUESTIONS AT ANY APPEARANCE REQUIRED
14 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION. THE PRESIDING OFFICER MAY REQUEST THE
15 APPEARANCE OF ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE PORT AUTHORITY. FOR
16 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, AS APPLICABLE TO NEW YORK STATE, "PRESID-
17 ING OFFICER" SHALL MEAN SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE NEW YORK STATE
18 LEGISLATURE OR TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE NEW YORK STATE
19 LEGISLATURE. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, AS APPLICABLE TO THE
20 STATE OF NEW JERSEY "PRESIDING OFFICER" SHALL MEAN THE PRESIDENT OF THE
21 SENATE OR THE SPEAKER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEW
22 JERSEY.

23 9. Barrier-free access. The port authority shall make or cause to be
24 made all reasonable efforts to ensure that meetings are held in facili-
25 ties that permit barrier-free physical access to people with disabili-
26 ties. If the board determines to use video conferencing or similar tech-
27 nology to conduct its meeting, it shall provide an opportunity for the
28 public to attend, listen and observe such a meeting.

29 S 3. Subdivision 3 of article VII-B of section 1 of chapter 154 of the
30 laws of 1921 relating to the port authority of New York and New Jersey
31 is amended by adding a new paragraph d to read as follows:

32 D. 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF ANY DEBT BY THE SUBSIDIARY CORPO-
33 RATION, OR THE PORT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF THE SUBSIDIARY CORPORATION,
34 THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE GOVERNOR OF EACH STATE,
35 THE MAJORITY LEADER OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF EACH STATE, THE
36 CHAIR OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, THE CHAIR OF THE
37 SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF NEW JERSEY, THE CHAIR OF
38 THE ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, AND THE CHAIR OF THE
39 ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE OF NEW JERSEY. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION,
40 AS APPLICABLE TO NEW YORK STATE "MAJORITY LEADER" SHALL MEAN SPEAKER OF
41 THE ASSEMBLY OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE OR TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF
42 THE SENATE OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
43 SECTION, AS APPLICABLE TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY "MAJORITY LEADER"
44 SHALL MEAN THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OR THE SPEAKER OF THE GENERAL
45 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

46 S 4. Subdivision 3 of article VII-D of section 1 of chapter 154 of the
47 laws of 1921 relating to the port authority of New York and New Jersey,
48 as added by chapter 559 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as
49 follows:

50 3. Capital plan. A. The port authority shall adopt a ten-year capital
51 plan that is developed using a comprehensive planning process and risk-
52 based prioritization that considers asset condition, operational and
53 revenue impact, threat assessment, customer service, regional benefit,
54 and regulatory or statutory requirements. The capital plan shall be
55 dependent upon the availability of sufficient funding and other
56 resources to pursue the capital projects proposed for the ten-year peri-

1 od. Performance progress and revisions to reflect changes in programs,
2 policies and projects and the environment in which the port authority
3 operates shall be reviewed regularly by a committee designated by the
4 board of commissioners, and the capital plan shall be revised period-
5 ically as necessary and appropriate, and shall be reviewed with the
6 board of commissioners annually. The port authority shall publish an
7 annual report on the status of the capital program and such report shall
8 be made publicly available on the port authority's website. Prior to
9 adoption of a capital plan, the port authority shall make such proposed
10 plan available for public review and comments on its public website for
11 at least two weeks prior to approval, and all comments received are to
12 be distributed to the board of commissioners for review prior to consid-
13 eration of the capital plan.

14 B. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL ALSO PROVIDE THAT MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS
15 ARE MONITORED BY INDEPENDENT ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS. THE INDEPENDENT
16 CONSULTANTS SHALL PREPARE ANNUAL REPORTS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD AND
17 MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THE ANNUAL REPORTS PREPARED BY INDEPEND-
18 ENT CONSULTANTS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, A COMPARISON OF
19 ACTUAL AND TARGET PERFORMANCE MEASURES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
20 COSTS AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES, AND A NARRATIVE EXPLANATION OF ANY
21 DISCREPANCY THEREOF. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "MAJOR CAPI-
22 TAL PROJECT" MEANS AN UNDERTAKING OR PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION,
23 CREATION, OR DEVELOPMENT OF ANY CROSSING, TRANSPORTATION FACILITY, OR
24 COMMERCE FACILITY OR ANY PART THEREOF, WITH AN ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT
25 COST IN EXCESS OF \$500,000,000.

26 C. NO LESS THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO ANY BOARD ADOPTION OF A CAPITAL PLAN,
27 AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION, OR ANY MAJOR REVISION
28 OF THE LAST ADOPTED CAPITAL PLAN, THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL NOTIFY THE
29 ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
30 AND SENATE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE OF ITS INTENTION TO ADOPT
31 A CAPITAL PLAN, OR ANY MAJOR REVISION OF THE LAST ADOPTED CAPITAL PLAN.
32 IN EITHER CASE, THE NOTICE SHALL RECITE THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE CAPI-
33 TAL PLAN TO BE ADOPTED.

34 D. WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE NOTICE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH C OF THIS SUBDI-
35 VISION, THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ABOUT THE
36 CAPITAL PLAN OR ANY MAJOR REVISION THEREOF IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND
37 IN THE THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

38 E. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL CONDUCT A STATUS UPDATE PUBLIC HEARING IN
39 THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AT LEAST ONCE EVERY
40 THREE YEARS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE CAPITAL PLAN BY THE PORT AUTHORI-
41 TY. SUCH PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE KNOWN AS "CAPITAL STATUS UPDATE HEAR-
42 ING" AND AT SUCH HEARING THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE IN DETAIL A
43 WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE STATUS OF ALL CAPITAL PLAN PROJECTS AND THE
44 COSTS AND THE EXPECTED COSTS OF THOSE PROJECTS. AT SUCH PUBLIC HEARING,
45 THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE A FINANCING PLAN THAT IDENTIFIES THE
46 SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR EACH PROJECT. THE PORT AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE AN
47 ANALYSIS THAT COMPARES ACTUAL AND TARGET PERFORMANCE MEASURES, AND A
48 DETAILED WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF ANY DISCREPANCY THEREOF AT THE PUBLIC
49 HEARING.

50 S 5. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
51 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of
52 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
53 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in
54 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section
55 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-
56 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of

1 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such
2 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

3 S 6. This act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the
4 state of New Jersey of legislation having an identical effect with this
5 act, and upon the enactment into law by the state of New Jersey of
6 legislation having an identical effect with chapter 559 of the laws of
7 2015 pursuant to section 6 of such chapter, but if the state of New
8 Jersey shall have already enacted such legislation, then this act shall
9 take effect immediately. The chairperson of the port authority shall
10 notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the enactment into
11 law of such legislation by both such states in order that the commission
12 may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official
13 text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effecting
14 the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of
15 the public officers law.