

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 19, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. GONZALEZ-ROJAS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

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 prohibiting the sale of single-use plastic water bottles in certain port authority facilities

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraphs 4 and 5 of paragraph f of subdivision 3 of
2 article 4 of section 1 of chapter 154 of the laws of 1921 relating to
3 the port authority of New York and New Jersey, as amended by chapter 559
4 of the laws of 2015, are amended and a new subparagraph 6 is added to
5 read as follows:

6 (4) establish a policy requiring all commissioners, officers, and
7 employees with decision-making authority to maintain records regarding
8 contact with lobbyists. As used in this subsection: (i) "contact" means
9 any conversation, in person or by telephonic or other electronic means,
10 or correspondence between any lobbyist engaged in the act of lobbying
11 and any person within the port authority who can make or influence a
12 decision on the subject of the lobbying on the behalf of the port
13 authority, and shall include, at a minimum, all members of the board of
14 commissioners and all officers of the port authority, (ii) "lobbyist"
15 shall have the same meaning as defined in the laws or, rules or regu-
16 lations of either state, and (iii) "lobbying" shall mean and include any
17 attempt to influence: (a) the adoption or rejection of any rule or regu-
18 lation having the force and effect of law by the port authority, (b) the
19 outcome of any proceeding by the port authority to establish, levy or
20 collect fees, tolls, charges or fares, and (c) the authorization,
21 approval or award of any agreements, contracts or purchase orders,
22 including any settlement of port authority claims, or any extension,
23 amendment or modification of any existing agreement, contract or order;
24 [~~and~~]

25 (5) have an efficiency study of the port authority and its operations
26 conducted by an independent entity within [~~three years~~] one year of the

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

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1 effective date of this section and thereafter upon the request of the
2 governors of New York and New Jersey, and if no request is made, no
3 later than [~~three years~~] one year after the most recent efficiency study
4 was conducted[~~;~~]; and

5 (6) establish a policy requiring all transportation facilities, termi-
6 nal facilities, and all other facilities of the port authority located
7 in the state of New York to prohibit the sale of single-use plastic
8 water bottles that hold twenty-one ounces of water or less and install
9 water fountains within one year of the effective date of this subpara-
10 graph.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the
12 state of New Jersey of legislation having an identical effect with this
13 act, but if the state of New Jersey shall have already enacted such
14 legislation, this act shall take effect immediately; provided, however,
15 if chapter 559 of the laws of 2015 shall not have taken effect on or
16 before such date then this act shall take effect on the same date and in
17 the same manner as such chapter of the laws of 2015 takes effect;
18 provided that the state of New Jersey shall notify the legislative bill
19 drafting commission upon the occurrence of the enactment of the legis-
20 lation provided for in section one of this act in order that the commis-
21 sion may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the
22 official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of
23 effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and
24 section 70-b of the public officers law.