

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

May 28, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Taylor) --  
read once and referred 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 Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

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

3 § 2859. Prohibition on retaining lobbyists. 1. Notwithstanding any  
4 other law to the contrary, no state or local authority, or subsidiary  
5 thereof, shall, directly or indirectly retain, contract, employ, or  
6 designate a lobbyist to engage in lobbying. For the purposes of this  
7 section, the terms "lobbyist" and "lobbying" shall have the meanings as  
8 defined in section one-c of the legislative law.

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

15 § 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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