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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing the reimaging excess New York state property act

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

1 Section 1. Article 8 of the public authorities law is amended by
2 adding a new title 30 to read as follows:

3 TITLE 30

4 REIMAGING EXCESS NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY AUTHORITY

5 Section 2730. Short title.

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23 2745. State, counties and municipalities not liable on bonds.

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25 2747. Separability.

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

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1 § 2730. Short title. This title shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Reimaging excess New York state property (RENEW) act".

3 § 2731. Definitions. As used in this title, the following words and
4 terms shall have the following meanings unless the context indicates
5 another or different meaning or intent:

6 1. "Authority" shall mean the public benefit corporation created by
7 section twenty-seven hundred thirty-two of this title, known as the
8 reimaging excess New York state property authority.

9 2. "Bonds" shall mean the bonds, notes or other evidences of indebt-
10 edness issued by the authority pursuant to this title and the provisions
11 of this title relating to bonds and bondholders shall apply with equal
12 force and effect to notes and noteholders, respectively, unless the
13 context otherwise clearly requires.

14 3. "Construction" shall mean the acquisition, erection, building,
15 alteration, improvement, increase, enlargement, extension, recon-
16 struction, renovation or rehabilitation of any project financed under
17 the provisions of this title; the inspection and supervision thereof;
18 and the engineering, architectural, legal, fiscal and economic investi-
19 gations and studies, surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifi-
20 cations, procedures and other actions preliminary or incidental thereto.

21 4. "Cost" as applied to the repurposing of any real property financed
22 under the provisions of this title embraces all or any part of the cost
23 of construction and acquisition of all lands, structures, real or
24 personal property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements and
25 interests acquired or used for the repurposing of real property, the
26 cost of demolishing or removing any buildings or structures on land so
27 acquired, including the costs of relocating tenants or other occupants
28 of the buildings or structures on such land and the cost of acquiring
29 any lands to which such buildings or structures may be moved, the cost
30 of all machinery and equipment, financing charges, interest, reserves
31 for principal and interest and for extensions, enlargements, additions,
32 replacements, renovations and improvements, cost of engineering, finan-
33 cial and legal services, plans, specifications, studies, surveys, esti-
34 mates of cost and of revenues, administrative expenses, expenses neces-
35 sary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of
36 repurposing and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to
37 the construction and acquisition of real property, the financing of such
38 construction and acquisition, including all costs relating to the refi-
39 ancing or satisfaction of existing indebtedness; and any reimbursements
40 to any municipality, state agency, the state, the United States or any
41 other person or public corporation for expenditures that would be costs
42 of any repurposing hereunder had they been made directly by the authori-
43 ty.

44 5. "Municipality" shall mean any county, city, town, village, refuse
45 district under the county law, improvement district under the town law,
46 any other such instrumentality, including any agency, authority or
47 public corporation of the state, or any of the foregoing, or any combi-
48 nation thereof.

49 6. "Person" shall mean any natural person, partnership, association,
50 joint venture or corporation, exclusive of a public corporation.

51 7. "Real property" shall mean lands, structures, improvements fran-
52 chises and interests in land, including lands under water, waterfront
53 property, marginal streets and riparian rights, space rights and air
54 rights and any and all other things and rights usually included within
55 said term and any fixtures, equipment and articles of personal property
56 affixed to or used in connection therewith. Real property shall also

1 mean and include any and all interests in such property less than full
2 title, such as easements, incorporeal hereditaments and every estate,
3 interest or right, legal or equitable, including terms for years and
4 liens thereon by way of judgments, mortgages or otherwise, and also all
5 claims for damages for such real estate.

6 8. "Resource recovery" shall mean the separation, extraction or recovery
7 of usable materials, energy or heat from solid waste through source
8 separation, incineration, recycling centers or other programs, projects
9 or facilities.

10 9. "Revenues" shall mean all rates, fees, rents, charges and other
11 income derived by the authority from its operations.

12 10. "State" shall mean the state of New York.

13 11. "United States" shall mean the United States of America or any
14 department, agency or instrumentality thereof acting on behalf of the
15 United States of America.

16 § 2732. Reimaging excess New York state property authority. 1. A
17 corporation known as the reimaging excess New York state property
18 authority is hereby created for the public purposes and charged with the
19 duties and having the powers provided in this title. The authority
20 shall be a body corporate and politic constituting a public benefit
21 corporation. Its membership shall consist of a board of thirteen members
22 chosen as follows: three members appointed by the governor; three
23 members appointed by the temporary president of the senate; two members
24 appointed by the minority leader of the senate; three members appointed
25 by the speaker of the assembly; and two members appointed by the minority
26 leader of the assembly. The members of the authority shall choose
27 from their number a chair by majority vote of such members then in
28 office. Each member shall continue in office until such member's successor
29 has been appointed and qualifies. Each appointment following the
30 expiration of the original terms of appointment shall be for a term of
31 four years. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of any
32 member, other than by the expiration of a member's term, such vacancy
33 shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term, if applicable, in
34 the same manner as the original appointment.

35 2. The powers of the authority shall be vested in the members thereof
36 in office from time to time and a majority of voting members shall
37 constitute a quorum at any meeting of the authority. In cases of a tie
38 vote, the chair shall cast an additional vote. No vacancy in the membership
39 of the authority shall impair the right of such members to exercise
40 all the rights and perform all the duties of the authority. Any action
41 taken by the authority under the provisions of this title may be authorized
42 at a meeting of the authority by resolution approved by a majority
43 of the members then in office, which resolution shall take effect immediately,
44 or, unless inconsistent with the provisions of article seven of
45 the public officers law, any action may be taken by a resolution circulated
46 or sent to each member of the authority, which shall take effect
47 at such time as all of the members then in office shall have signed an
48 assent to such resolution and such assents are filed with the minutes of
49 the proceedings. No representative shall be authorized to delegate any
50 of their duties or functions to any other person. The authority may
51 delegate by resolution to one or more of its members, officers, agents
52 and employees such powers and duties as the members may deem proper.

53 3. The members of the authority shall serve without salary or other
54 compensation, but each member shall be entitled to reimbursement for
55 actual and necessary expenses incurred by such member in the performance
56 of the official duties as a member.

1 4. Subject to the provisions of this subdivision, members of the
2 authority may engage in private employment, or in a profession or busi-
3 ness. The members, officers and employees of the authority shall be
4 deemed to be state officers or employees and the authority shall be
5 deemed to be a state agency solely for the purposes of sections seven-
6 ty-three and seventy-four of the public officers law, which sections are
7 hereby made applicable to the authority and its members, officers and
8 employees.

9 5. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of this or any other
10 law, general, special or local, no officer or employee of the state, or
11 of any political subdivision thereof, shall be deemed to have forfeited
12 or shall forfeit any public office or employment by reason of such
13 person's acceptance of a membership on the authority; provided, however,
14 a member who holds such other public office or employment shall receive
15 no additional compensation or allowance for services rendered pursuant
16 to this title, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for the actual and
17 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of such services.

18 6. A member may be removed from office by the board for inefficiency,
19 neglect of duty, conflict of interest or misconduct in office after the
20 authority has given such member a copy of the charges against them and
21 an opportunity to be heard in person, or by counsel in their defense,
22 upon not less than ten days notice. If any member shall be so removed,
23 there shall be filed with the chair of the authority a complete state-
24 ment of the charges made against such member and the finding of such
25 board thereon, together with a complete record of the proceeding.

26 7. The authority and its corporate existence shall continue until
27 terminated by law, provided, however, that no such law shall take effect
28 so long as the authority shall have bonds, notes or other obligations
29 outstanding, unless adequate provision has been made for the payment
30 thereof. Upon termination of the existence of the authority, all of the
31 rights and properties of the authority then remaining shall pass to and
32 be vested in the counties in accordance with such law.

33 § 2733. Powers of the authority. Except as otherwise limited by this
34 title, the authority shall have power:

35 1. to make and alter by-laws for the regulation of its affairs and the
36 conduct of its business;

37 2. to adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure;

38 3. to maintain a principal office and regional offices at such place
39 or places as it may designate;

40 4. to sue and be sued;

41 5. to make and execute contracts and all other instruments necessary
42 or convenient for the exercise of its powers and functions under this
43 title;

44 6. to purchase any abandoned, surplus or otherwise unused state-owned
45 real property and to reconstruct, renovate, replace, maintain, repair,
46 enlarge, extend, operate, lease, as lessee or lessor, and/or regulate
47 the repurposing of such properties, and to enter into contracts for any
48 or all of such purposes, including contracts for the management and
49 operation of such properties and to sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise
50 dispose of any property or part thereof to the state, any person, public
51 corporation or municipality;

52 7. to borrow money and to issue bonds of the authority for any of its
53 corporate purposes, to secure the same with its revenues or other funds
54 and otherwise to provide for and secure the payment thereof and to
55 provide for the rights of holders thereof and to fund or refund the
56 same;

1 8. to make contracts and to execute all necessary or convenient
2 instruments, including evidences of indebtedness, negotiable or nonnego-
3 tiable in each case for securing its bonds or to provide direct payment
4 of any costs which the authority is authorized to pay;

5 9. subject to any limitation imposed or authorized by law, to fix and
6 revise from time to time and charge and collect rates, rents, fees and
7 charges for the use of and for the services furnished or to be furnished
8 by a project or any portion thereof and to contract with any person,
9 partnership, association or authority or other body public or private
10 including a public corporation in respect thereof provided, however,
11 that the authority shall not have the power, within any city, to collect
12 rentals, charges, rates or fees from the owners of real estate, or the
13 occupants of real estate (other than the occupants of premises owned or
14 controlled by such authority, or by the state or any civil division
15 thereof), for services or facilities furnished or supplied in connection
16 with such real estate, if such services or facilities are of a character
17 or nature that as of the enactment of this act or formerly were
18 furnished or supplied by the city, unless the electors of the city shall
19 approve the granting to such authority of such powers by a majority vote
20 at a general or special election in such city;

21 10. to employ consulting engineers, architects, attorneys, account-
22 ants, construction and financial experts, superintendents, managers, and
23 such other agents as may be necessary in its judgment, and to fix their
24 compensation;

25 11. to receive and accept loans, grants, aid in any form, gifts or
26 contributions from any source of either money, property, labor or other
27 things of value and, subject to the provisions of this title, to comply
28 with the terms and conditions thereof;

29 12. to enter into any lease of or to mortgage any property;

30 13. subject to any agreement with the holders of its bonds, to invest
31 moneys of the authority not required for immediate use in obligations of
32 the state or the United States or obligations the principal and interest
33 of which are guaranteed by the state or the United States or in certifi-
34 icates of deposit or time deposits secured in such manner as the author-
35 ity shall determine, or in obligations of any agency of the state or the
36 United States which may from time to time be legally purchased by
37 savings banks within the state as an investment of funds belonging to
38 them or in their control, or in any other obligations in which the comp-
39 troller of the state is authorized to invest pursuant to section nine-
40 ty-eight of the state finance law or any successor provision of law;

41 14. subject to any agreement with the holders of its bonds, to
42 purchase bonds, of the authority out of any funds or moneys of the
43 authority available therefore, and to hold, cancel or resell the bonds;

44 15. to contract to render and to render such services to the United
45 States, or any public agency, public authority, municipality or poli-
46 tical subdivision of the state, as the United States, such public agen-
47 cy, public authority, municipality or political subdivision shall
48 request, with respect to the custody, administration, management or
49 servicing of obligations, projects and property of such entity, includ-
50 ing but not limited to the use of the premises, personnel and property
51 of the authority, and may provide for reimbursement to the authority for
52 any expenses necessarily incurred by the authority in rendering such
53 services;

54 16. to appoint such officers, employees and agents as it may require,
55 prescribe their duties and qualifications and fix their compensation;

1 17. to establish such reserves as the authority deems necessary or
2 appropriate;

3 18. to acquire by lease, purchase or gift, hold and dispose of real
4 and personal property (whether tangible or intangible), which are
5 located within the state, or any interest therein, for its corporate
6 purposes, and, subject to any agreement with the holders of its bonds,
7 to sell any mortgage or loan or other personal property acquired by the
8 authority, at a public or private sale and at such price or prices as it
9 shall determine;

10 19. to enter into agreements, in its discretion, to pay annual sums in
11 lieu of taxes to any municipality, political subdivision or taxing
12 district of the state in respect of any real property which is owned by
13 the authority and located in such municipality, political subdivision or
14 taxing district;

15 20. to contract with persons, municipalities and the United States for
16 the use of facilities and for the fixing and collection of rates,
17 rentals, fees and other charges for the use of such facilities, or
18 services rendered by, or any commodities furnished by the authority so
19 as to provide revenues sufficient at all times to pay, as the same shall
20 become due, the principal and interest on the bonds, notes or other
21 obligations of the authority together with the maintenance of proper
22 reserves therefor, in addition to paying, as the same shall become due,
23 the expenses of operating and maintaining the properties of the authori-
24 ty, together with proper reserves for debt service, depreciation, main-
25 tenance and contingencies and all other obligations and indebtedness of
26 the authority;

27 21. to coordinate the activities of state agencies and authorities to
28 provide community facilities;

29 22. to participate in federal programs for the insurance of loans
30 including programs which require the authority to share any loss arising
31 out of any loan insured by the federal government; and

32 23. to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes
33 of the authority.

34 § 2734. Environmental applications, proceedings, approvals and
35 permits. 1. Any application in relation to the purposes of or contem-
36 plated by this title, or any proceeding commenced by any participating
37 county or any municipality, with the department of environmental conser-
38 vation, the department of transportation or any other state agency or
39 instrumentality or with the United States environmental protection agen-
40 cy or any other federal agency or instrumentality shall inure to and for
41 the benefit of the authority to the same extent and in the same manner
42 as if the authority had been a party to such application or proceeding,
43 and the authority shall be deemed a party thereto, to the extent not
44 prohibited by any federal law. Any license, approval, permit or decision
45 issued or granted pursuant to or as a result of any such application or
46 proceeding shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the author-
47 ity and shall be assigned and transferred by the town to the authority,
48 unless such assignment and transfer is prohibited by federal law.

49 2. All such applications, proceedings, licenses, approvals, permits
50 and decisions shall further inure to and for the benefit of and be bind-
51 ing upon any person leasing, acquiring, constructing, maintaining, using
52 or occupying any project financed in whole or in part by the authority.

53 § 2735. Bonds of the authority. 1. (a) The authority shall have power
54 and is hereby authorized from time to time to issue its bonds in such
55 principal amount as, in the opinion of the authority, shall be necessary
56 to provide sufficient funds for achieving its corporate purposes,

1 including the construction, acquisition, reconstruction, rehabilitation,
2 improvement or refinancing of state-owned real property and subject to
3 the provisions of this title, the payment of interest on bonds of the
4 authority, establishment of reserves to secure such bonds, and all other
5 expenditures of the authority incident to and necessary or convenient to
6 carry out its corporate purposes and powers. In addition, the authority
7 may, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds or the receipt of appro-
8 priations, grants, reimbursements, revenues or other funds, issue notes
9 the principal of or interest on which or both shall be payable out of
10 the proceeds of bonds of the authority or appropriations, grants,
11 reimbursements, revenues or other funds of the authority. The authority
12 may also enter into bank loan agreements, lines of credit and other
13 security agreements and obtain for or on its behalf letters of credit in
14 each case for securing its bonds or to provide direct payment of any
15 costs which the authority is authorized to pay.

16 (b) The authority shall have power, from time to time, to issue
17 renewal notes, to issue bonds or other obligations to pay notes and
18 whenever it deems refunding expedient, to refund any bonds by the issu-
19 ance of new bonds, whether the bonds to be refunded have or have not
20 matured, and to issue bonds partly to refund bonds then outstanding and
21 partly for any other purpose. The refunding bonds shall be sold and the
22 proceeds applied to the purchase, redemption or payment of the bonds,
23 including any interest thereon, to be refunded.

24 2. Except as may otherwise be expressly provided by the authority,
25 every issue of its bonds shall be general obligations of the authority
26 payable out of any moneys, assets or revenues of the authority, subject
27 as to priority only to any agreements with the holders of particular
28 bonds theretofore or thereafter made pledging, assigning or creating a
29 lien upon any particular moneys, assets or revenues. The authority may
30 provide by agreement with the holders of its bonds that such bonds shall
31 be payable solely from and secured by particular revenues and property
32 of the authority.

33 3. The bonds shall be authorized by a resolution or resolutions of the
34 authority adopted as provided by this title; provided, however, that any
35 such resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds may delegate to one or
36 more members or to an officer of the authority the power to issue such
37 bonds from time to time and to fix the details of any such issue of
38 bonds by an appropriate certificate of such member, members or officer.

39 4. The bonds of the authority shall bear such date or dates, mature at
40 such time or times, bear interest at such rate or rates (simple or
41 compounded), if any, be of such denominations, be in such form, be
42 executed in such manner, be payable in such medium of payment, at such
43 place or places within or without the state, and be subject to such
44 terms of redemption prior to maturity, as may be provided by such resol-
45 ution or resolutions or such certificate with respect to such bonds, as
46 the case may be; provided, however, that no bond or other obligations
47 shall mature more than forty years after the date of issue thereof and
48 no notes or renewal thereof shall mature more than five years after the
49 date of issue of the original notes.

50 5. The bonds of the authority may be sold by the authority at such
51 price or prices, at public or private sale, provided that no issue of
52 bonds may be sold at private sale unless the terms of such sale shall
53 have been approved in writing by (i) the state comptroller, where such
54 sale is not to such comptroller, or (ii) the director of the state divi-
55 sion of the budget, where such sale is to such comptroller, in such
56 manner and from time to time as may be determined by the authority, and

1 the authority may pay all expenses, premiums and commissions which it
2 may deem necessary or advantageous in connection with the issuance and
3 sale thereof.

4 6. Whether or not the bonds are of such form and character as to be
5 negotiable instruments under the terms of the uniform commercial code,
6 the bonds are hereby made negotiable instruments within the meaning of
7 and for all the purposes of the uniform commercial code, subject only to
8 the provisions of the bonds for registration.

9 7. Any resolution or resolutions authorizing any bonds or any issue
10 thereof or any trust indenture or indentures relating to such bonds may
11 contain provisions, which shall be a part of the contract with the hold-
12 ers thereof, as to:

13 (a) pledging, assigning or creating a lien on all or any part of the
14 rates, rentals, fees and charges made or received by the authority, and
15 all or any part of the moneys received or to be received as repayment of
16 loans, to secure the payment of the bonds or of any issue thereof,
17 subject to such agreement with the holders of the authority's bonds as
18 may then exist;

19 (b) pledging, assigning or creating a lien on all or any part of the
20 assets of the authority, including mortgages and obligations securing
21 the same, to secure the payment of the bonds, subject to such agreements
22 with the holders of the authority's bonds as may then exist;

23 (c) the establishment and maintenance of reserves or sinking funds and
24 the regulation and disposition thereof;

25 (d) limitations on the purpose to which the proceeds of sale of any
26 issue of bonds then or thereafter to be issued may be applied and pledg-
27 ing such proceeds to secure the payment of the bonds or of any issue
28 thereof;

29 (e) limitations on the issuance of additional bonds, the terms upon
30 which additional bonds may be issued and secured and the refunding of
31 outstanding bonds;

32 (f) the procedure, if any, by which the terms of any contract with the
33 holders of bonds may be amended or abrogated, the amount of bonds the
34 holders of which must consent thereto, and the manner in which such
35 consent may be given;

36 (g) limitations on the amount of moneys to be expended by the authori-
37 ty for operating, administrative or other expenses of the authority;

38 (h) the creation of special funds into which any moneys of the author-
39 ity may be deposited;

40 (i) vesting in a trustee or trustees such property, rights, powers and
41 duties in trust as the authority may determine, which may include any or
42 all of the rights, powers and duties of the trustee appointed by the
43 holders of bonds pursuant to this title, and limiting or abrogating the
44 right of the holders of bonds to appoint a trustee pursuant to this
45 title or limiting the rights, powers and duties of such trustee;

46 (j) defining the acts or omissions to act which shall constitute a
47 default in the obligations and duties of the authority and providing for
48 the rights and remedies of the holders of bonds in the event of such
49 default, provided, however, that such rights and remedies shall not be
50 inconsistent with the general laws of this state and other provisions of
51 this title; and

52 (k) any other matters, of like or different character, which in any
53 way affect the security or protection of the bonds and the rights of the
54 holders thereof.

55 8. Any pledge or assignment made or lien created by the authority
56 shall be valid and binding from the time when the pledge or assignment

1 is made or the lien is created; the moneys or property so pledged,
2 assigned or encumbered by the authority shall immediately be subject to
3 such pledge, assignment or lien without any physical delivery thereof or
4 further act; and such pledge, assignment or lien shall be valid and
5 binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort,
6 contract or otherwise against the authority, irrespective of whether
7 such parties have notice thereof. Neither the resolution nor any other
8 instrument by which a pledge, assignment or lien is made or created need
9 be recorded or filed.

10 9. Neither the members of the authority nor any person executing the
11 bonds shall be liable personally on the bonds or be subject to any
12 personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.

13 10. The authority, subject to such agreements with the holders of the
14 authority's bonds as may then exist, shall have power out of any funds
15 available therefor to purchase bonds of the authority.

16 11. The state shall not be liable on bonds of the authority and such
17 bonds shall not be a debt of the state, and such bonds shall contain on
18 the face thereof a statement to such effect.

19 § 2736. Bonds as legal investments. The bonds of the authority are
20 hereby made securities in which all public officers and bodies of this
21 state and all municipalities and municipal subdivisions, all insurance
22 companies and associations, and other persons carrying on an insurance
23 business, all banks, bankers, trust companies, savings banks and savings
24 associations, including savings and loan associations, building and loan
25 associations, investment companies and other persons carrying on a bank-
26 ing business, all administrators, guardians, executors, trustees and
27 other fiduciaries, and all other persons whatsoever who are now or may
28 hereafter be authorized to invest in bonds or other obligations of the
29 state, may properly and legally invest funds, including capital, in
30 their control or belonging to them. The bonds are also hereby made secu-
31 rities which may be deposited with and may be received by all public
32 officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and municipal
33 subdivisions for any purpose for which the deposit of bonds of this
34 state is now or may hereafter be authorized.

35 § 2737. Exemption from taxation of bonds. It is hereby determined that
36 the creation of the authority is in all respects for the benefit of the
37 people of the state and for the improvement of their health, safety,
38 welfare, comfort and security, and that said purposes are public
39 purposes and that the authority will be performing an essential govern-
40 mental function in the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by this
41 title. The state covenants with the purchasers and all subsequent hold-
42 ers and transferees of bonds issued by the authority, in consideration
43 of the acceptance of and payment for the bonds, that the bonds of the
44 authority, issued pursuant to this title and the income therefrom and
45 all its fees, charges, gifts, grants, revenues, receipts, and other
46 moneys received or to be received, pledged to pay or secure the payment
47 of such bonds shall at all times be free from taxation except for estate
48 or gift taxes and taxes on transfers.

49 § 2738. Moneys of the authority. 1. All moneys of the authority from
50 whatever source derived, except as otherwise authorized or provided in
51 this title, shall be paid to the authority and shall be deposited forth-
52 with in a bank or banks in the state designated by the authority. The
53 moneys in such accounts shall be withdrawn on the order of such person
54 or persons as the authority may authorize. All deposits of such moneys
55 shall, if required by the authority, be secured in such manner as the
56 authority may determine. The state comptroller and such comptroller's

1 legally authorized representatives are authorized and empowered from
2 time to time to examine the accounts and books of the authority, includ-
3 ing its receipts, disbursements, contracts, leases, sinking funds,
4 investments and any other records and papers relating to its financial
5 standing. Such an examination shall be conducted by the comptroller at
6 least once in every five years; the comptroller is authorized, however,
7 to accept from the authority, in lieu of such an examination, an
8 external examination of its books and accounts made at the request of
9 the authority.

10 2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title related to the
11 investment of moneys of the authority, the authority shall have power to
12 contract with holders of any of its bonds, as to the custody,
13 collection, securing, investment, and payment of any moneys of the
14 authority, of any moneys held in trust or otherwise for the payment of
15 bonds, and to carry out such contract. Moneys held in trust or otherwise
16 for the payment of bonds or in any way to secure bonds and deposits of
17 such moneys may be invested, secured in such manner as shall be set
18 forth in such contract or agreement, and all banks and trust companies
19 are authorized to give such security for such deposits. The authority
20 shall establish and may amend from time to time, guidelines for the
21 investment of its moneys, including those held in trust for the benefit
22 of the holders of bonds, and shall file such guidelines in the authori-
23 ty's public records within sixty days after the adoption of such guide-
24 lines or amendments thereto.

25 3. Subject to the provisions of any agreement with the holders of
26 bonds and to the approval of the comptroller, the authority shall
27 prescribe a system of accounts.

28 4. The authority shall submit to the comptroller, within thirty days
29 of the receipt thereof by the authority, a copy of the report of every
30 external examination of the books and accounts of the authority.

31 § 2739. Agreement of the state. The participating counties and any
32 municipalities within their boundaries are authorized to and the state
33 does hereby pledge to and agree with the owners of any bonds issued by
34 the authority, that they will not limit or alter the rights hereby vest-
35 ed in the authority to fulfill the terms of any agreements made with the
36 holders thereof, or in any way impair the rights and remedies of such
37 holders until such bonds, together with the interest thereon, with
38 interest on any unpaid installments of interest, and all costs and
39 expenses in connection with any action or proceeding by or on behalf of
40 such holders, are fully met and discharged. The authority is authorized
41 to include this pledge and agreement of the state in any agreement with
42 the holders of such bonds.

43 § 2740. Remedies of holders of bonds. 1. In the event that the author-
44 ity shall default in the payment of principal of or interest on any
45 issue of bonds after the same shall become due, whether at maturity or
46 upon call for redemption, and such default shall continue for a period
47 of thirty days, or in the event that the authority shall fail or refuse
48 to comply with the provisions of this title, or shall default in any
49 agreement made with the holders of any issue of bonds, the holders of
50 twenty-five per centum in aggregate principal amount of the bonds of
51 such issue then outstanding, by instrument or instruments filed in the
52 office of the clerk of the county in which the principal office of the
53 authority is located, and proved or acknowledged in the same manner as a
54 deed to be recorded, may appoint a trustee to represent the holders of
55 such bonds for the purposes herein provided.

1 2. Such trustee may, and upon written request of the holders of twenty-five per centum in principal amount of such bonds then outstanding shall, in their or its own name:

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4 (a) by suit, action or proceeding in accordance with the civil practice law and rules, enforce all rights of the holders of the authority's bonds, including the right to require the authority to collect fees and charges and interest adequate to carry out any agreement as to, or
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10 pledge or assignment of or lien upon, such fees and charges and interest, on properties and to require the authority to carry out any other agreements with the holders of such bonds and to perform its duties under this title;

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12 (b) bring suit upon such bonds;

13 (c) by action or suit, require the authority to account as if it were the trustee of an express trust for the holders of such bonds;

14 (d) by action or suit, enjoin any acts or things which may be unlawful or in violation of the rights of the holders of such bonds;

15 (e) declare all such bonds due and payable, and if all defaults shall be made good, then, with the consent of the holders of twenty-five per centum of the principal amount of such bonds then outstanding, to annul such declaration and its consequences.

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21 3. Such trustee shall in addition to the foregoing have and possess all of the powers necessary or appropriate for the exercise of any functions specifically set forth herein or incident to the general representation of the holders of the authority's bonds in the enforcement and protection of their rights.

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26 4. The supreme court shall have jurisdiction of any suit, action or proceeding by the trustee on behalf of such holders of the authority's bonds. The venue of any such suit, action or proceeding shall be laid in the county in which the principal office of the authority is located.

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30 § 2741. Actions against the authority; court proceedings; preferences; venue. 1. In any case founded upon death, personal injury, property damage or tort a notice of claim shall be required as a condition precedent to the commencement of an action or special proceeding against the authority or any member, officer, appointee or employee thereof, and the provisions of section fifty-e of the general municipal law shall govern the giving of such notice. No action or proceeding of any kind shall be commenced (i) prior to the expiration of thirty days from the date on which the demand, claim or claims upon which the action is founded were presented to a member of the authority or other officer thereof designated for such purpose nor (ii) more than one year and ninety days after the cause of action therefor shall have accrued, except that an action against the authority for wrongful death shall be commenced in accordance with the notice of claim and time limitation provisions of title eleven of article nine of this chapter.

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45 2. Any action or proceeding to which the authority or the people of the state may be parties, in which any question arises as to the validity of this title, shall be preferred over all other civil causes of action or cases except election causes of action or cases in all courts of the state and shall be heard and determined in preference to all other civil business pending therein except election causes, irrespective of position on the calendar. The same preference shall be granted upon application of the authority or its counsel in any action or proceeding questioning the validity of this title in which the authority may be allowed to intervene. The venue of any such action or proceeding shall be laid in the supreme court of the county in which the principal office of the authority is located.

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1 § 2742. Limitation of liability; indemnification. 1. Neither the
2 members of the authority nor any person acting on its behalf, while
3 acting within the scope of their authority, shall be subject to any
4 personal liability resulting from carrying out any of the powers
5 expressly given in or authorized by this title.

6 2. The provisions of section eighteen of the public officers law shall
7 apply to members, officers, employees and agents of the authority in
8 connection with any and all claims, demands, suits, actions or
9 proceedings which may be made or brought against any of them arising out
10 of any determinations made or actions taken or omitted to be taken in
11 compliance with any obligations under or pursuant to the terms of this
12 title.

13 § 2743. Exemption from taxation of property and income. The property
14 of the authority, and its income and operations shall be exempt from
15 taxation or assessments of every kind and nature; nor shall the authori-
16 ty be required to pay any filing or recording fee or transfer tax of any
17 kind on account of instruments filed or recorded by it or on its behalf.
18 Mortgages made or financed (directly or indirectly) by the authority
19 shall be exempt from the mortgage recording taxes imposed by article
20 eleven of the tax law.

21 § 2744. Assistance by state officers, departments, boards and commis-
22 sions. The department of audit and control, department of law, and all
23 other state officers, agencies, departments, boards, divisions and
24 commissions may render such services to the authority within their
25 respective functions as may be requested by the authority.

26 § 2745. State, counties and municipalities not liable on bonds.
27 Neither the state, the counties nor any other municipality or public
28 corporation shall be liable on the bonds of the authority and such bonds
29 shall not be a debt of the state, the counties, any other municipality
30 or public corporation, and such bonds shall contain on the face thereof,
31 a statement to such effect.

32 § 2746. Annual reports. 1. The authority shall submit to the governor,
33 the chair of the senate finance committee, the chair of the assembly
34 ways and means committee, the minority leader of the senate, the minori-
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36 of the division of the budget within ninety days after the end of its
37 fiscal year, a complete and detailed report setting forth: (i) its oper-
38 ations and accomplishments; (ii) its receipts and expenditures during
39 such fiscal year in accordance with the categories or classifications
40 established by the authority for its operating and capital outlay
41 purposes, including a listing of all private consultants engaged by the
42 authority on a contract basis and a statement of the total amount paid
43 to each such private consultant; (iii) its assets and liabilities at the
44 end of its fiscal year, including a schedule of its loans and commit-
45 ments; and (iv) a schedule of its bonds outstanding at the end of its
46 fiscal year, together with a statement of the amounts redeemed and
47 incurred during such fiscal year.

48 2. Within ninety days after the end of the first fiscal year, the
49 authority shall provide a timeline for the work of such authority and
50 shall include an inventory of all unused and/or surplus property to
51 submit to the governor, the chair of the senate finance committee, the
52 chair of the assembly ways and means committee, the minority leader of
53 the senate, and the minority leader of the assembly.

54 § 2747. Separability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or
55 part of this title shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdic-
56 tion to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate

1 the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the
2 clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof involved in the
3 controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
5 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment
6 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation
7 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
8 completed on or before such effective date.