

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005

HOUSE BILL 1503  
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  
AUTHORITIES ARE TREATED AS CITIES FOR PURPOSES OF CIVIL  
LIABILITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended  
by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 160A-627. Civil liability.**

Except as provided in G.S. 160A-626, the Authority shall be deemed a city for  
purposes of civil liability pursuant to G.S. 160A-485. Governmental immunity of the  
Authority is waived to a minimum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) per single  
accident or incident. The Authority shall maintain a minimum of twenty million dollars  
(\$20,000,000) per single accident or incident of liability insurance. Participation in a  
local government risk pool pursuant to Article 23 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes  
shall be deemed to be the purchase of insurance for the purpose of this section."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to claims  
arising on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 2005.

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Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005