

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

**SESSION LAW 2005-160  
HOUSE BILL 1503**

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.

s/ Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 11:46 a.m. this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005