

**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 30th 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 7th day of July, 2005