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Short Title: Regional Public Transportation Liability. (Public)

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April 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.