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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional
 Airport Authority; codifying, reenacting, amending, and
 repealing chapters 86-469, 89-433, and 95-457, Laws of
 Florida, relating to the authority; providing a short
 title; providing definitions; providing purpose of the
 authority; providing for membership, organization,
 restrictions, and powers and duties of the authority;
 requiring a budget; specifying relationship between the
 authority and local governments; providing for conveyance
 of land to the authority; authorizing issuance of bonds;
 specifying covenant of the state; authorizing an alcoholic
 beverage license; providing for purchasing and award of
 contracts; prohibiting discrimination; authorizing the
 right to sue and be sued; providing for severability;
 prohibiting supersession of certain laws and grant
 assurances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) The reenactment of existing law in this
 act shall not be construed as a grant of additional authority to
 or to supersede the authority of any entity pursuant to law.
 Exceptions to law contained in any special act that are
 reenacted pursuant to this act shall continue to apply.

(2) The reenactment of existing law in this act shall not
 be construed to modify, amend, or alter any covenants,

28 contracts, or other obligations of any district with respect to
29 bonded indebtedness. Nothing pertaining to the reenactment of
30 existing law in this act shall be construed to affect the
31 ability of any district to levy and collect taxes, assessments,
32 fees, or charges for the purpose of redeeming or servicing
33 bonded indebtedness of the district.

34 Section 2. Chapters 86-469, 89-433, and 95-457, Laws of
35 Florida, are amended, codified, reenacted, and repealed as
36 provided in this act.

37 Section 3. The charter for the Gainesville-Alachua County
38 Regional Airport Authority is re-created and reenacted to read:

39 Section 1. Short title.--This act may be cited as the
40 "Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority Act."

41 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act, unless the
42 context otherwise requires, the term:

43 (1) "Airport" means any area of land or water as described
44 by City of Gainesville ordinance that is designed for the
45 landing and taking off of aircraft, whether or not facilities
46 are provided for the shelter, servicing, or repair of aircraft
47 or for receiving and discharging passengers or cargo, and all
48 appurtenant areas used or suitable for airport buildings or
49 other airport facilities, which may change from time to time by
50 ordinance amendment.

51 (2) "Airport facilities" means facilities used for the
52 transportation of people and cargo as described by City of
53 Gainesville ordinance, including, but not limited to, runways,
54 taxiways, taxi lanes, aprons, hangars, shops, terminals,

55 buildings, parking lots, roadways, and all other facilities
 56 necessary or desirable for the landing, taking off, operating,
 57 servicing, repairing, and parking of aircraft, and the unloading
 58 and handling of passengers, mail, and express and freight cargo,
 59 together with all necessary appurtenances and equipment and all
 60 property rights, easements, and franchises relating thereto.

61 (3) "Authority" means the Gainesville-Alachua County
 62 Regional Airport Authority created herein.

63 (4) "Board of county commissioners" means the Board of
 64 County Commissioners of the County of Alachua.

65 (5) "Bond" includes bonds, debentures, notes, certificates
 66 of indebtedness, mortgage certificates, or other obligations or
 67 evidences of indebtedness of any type or character.

68 (6) "City" means the City of Gainesville.

69 (7) "City Commission" means the City Commission of the
 70 City of Gainesville.

71 (8) "County" means the County of Alachua.

72 (9) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership,
 73 corporation, company, association, joint stock association, or
 74 body politic and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or
 75 other similar representative thereof.

76 (10) "Revenue bonds" means obligations of the authority
 77 which are payable from revenues derived from sources other than
 78 ad valorem taxes on real or tangible personal property and which
 79 do not pledge the property, credit, or general tax revenue of
 80 the authority or the city.

81 (11) "Refunding bonds" means bonds issued to refinance
 82 outstanding bonds of any type and the interest and redemption
 83 premium thereon. Refunding bonds shall be issuable and payable
 84 in the same manner as the refinanced bonds, except that no
 85 approval by the electorate shall be required unless required by
 86 the State Constitution.

87 Section 3. Creation; purpose.--

88 (1) The Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport
 89 Authority is created, and the powers granted by this act are
 90 declared to be public and governmental functions, exercised for
 91 public purposes, and are matters of public necessity. Lands and
 92 other real and personal property, easements, and privileges
 93 acquired and used by the authority are declared to have been
 94 acquired for and used for public and governmental purposes and
 95 as a matter of public necessity. The authority is a public body
 96 corporate and is an independent special district.

97 (2) The authority shall have jurisdiction over the
 98 operation and maintenance of, and improvements to, the airport
 99 and airport facilities. The authority has jurisdiction, control,
 100 supervision, and management over other airports in the county
 101 except any airport owned, controlled, and operated by a private
 102 person. Said jurisdiction, control, supervision, and management
 103 are in the best interest of the county and each municipality.

104 Section 4. Membership of the authority.--

105 (1) The powers of the authority shall be vested in its
 106 members in office from time to time. There shall be nine
 107 members. No member shall receive any compensation for services

108 as a member. As a condition of eligibility for appointment and
109 to hold office, each member shall reside within the city or the
110 county. However, one member appointed by the Governor may reside
111 in a county contiguous to Alachua County. No person shall serve
112 as a member of the authority and, at the same time, hold any
113 publicly elected office in the State of Florida.

114 (2) Upon expiration of initial terms of office, subsequent
115 appointments shall be made as follows:

116 (a) The Governor shall replace by appointment any of the
117 three members appointed by him or her under chapter 95-457, Laws
118 of Florida, on or prior to the date of expiration of the
119 preceding term.

120 (b) The board of county commissioners shall replace by
121 appointment the member appointed by it under chapter 95-457,
122 Laws of Florida, on or prior to the date of expiration of the
123 preceding term.

124 (c) The city commission shall replace by appointment any
125 of the remaining five members on or prior to the expiration of
126 the preceding term.

127 (3) If, upon expiration of a member's term of office, the
128 appointing entity fails to replace by appointment its member,
129 and the member is willing to continue to serve, the member with
130 the expired term shall continue to serve until a replacement
131 appointment is made.

132 (4) The term of any member initially appointed prior to
133 the effective date of this act shall expire on July 31 of the
134 year such member's term was scheduled to expire under chapter

135 95-457, Laws of Florida. No member shall serve more than two
136 successive terms.

137 (5) All members appointed subsequent to the effective date
138 of this act shall serve 3-year terms of office, beginning on
139 August 1 and expiring on July 31 of the appropriate year.

140 (6) Except as may be otherwise provided herein, vacancies
141 in office shall be filled for the balance of the term by the
142 appropriate appointing entity, in the same manner as set forth
143 in subsection (2). A vacant position shall remain vacant until a
144 successor has been appointed by the appropriate appointing
145 entity.

146 (7) A member may be removed by the entity appointing such
147 member upon grounds constituting misfeasance, neglect of duty,
148 incompetence, or permanent inability to perform official duties.
149 Upon conviction of a felony, a member shall be automatically
150 removed. The unexcused failure to attend three consecutive
151 regular meetings of the authority shall be deemed neglect of
152 duty, without limiting the meaning of the term "neglect of
153 duty."

154 Section 5. Organization; meetings; notice; quorum.--A
155 chair, vice chair, and secretary-treasurer shall be chosen by
156 and from the authority membership. The chair, vice chair, and
157 secretary-treasurer shall each serve a term of office of 1 year,
158 and no member shall hold the same office for more than two
159 consecutive terms.

160 (1) The authority shall meet at the call of the chair, at
161 the request of three or more of its members, and at such other
162 times as may be prescribed by rule of the authority.

163 (2) The authority shall give notice of all meetings at
164 least 48 hours prior thereto, which shall be published in a
165 newspaper in general circulation in Alachua County, and shall
166 include agenda items whenever such items involve leasing of any
167 airport property. All meetings of the authority shall be so
168 noticed except emergency meetings, which shall only be called
169 when there is an immediate danger to the public health, safety,
170 or welfare, do not require at least 48 hours' prior public
171 notice, and reasonable notice under the circumstances shall be
172 provided in such cases.

173 (3) The presence of five members is required to constitute
174 a quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members
175 present and eligible to vote, but no fewer than four of the
176 members present and eligible to vote, is required for any action
177 or recommendation by the authority.

178 Section 6. Restrictions.--

179 (1) No person who has transacted business with the
180 authority shall be eligible for appointment to the authority
181 until 3 years after the last transaction. No person who has
182 served on the authority shall be eligible to transact business
183 with the authority until 3 years after the person's last date of
184 service. Said transactions include transactions either for
185 oneself or as an employee of, agent for, or consultant to any
186 other person or legal entity. However, nothing in this paragraph

187 shall be construed as prohibiting an appointed member from
188 purchasing supplies or services from any fixed-base operators or
189 tenants at the airport or Airport Industrial Park, or for
190 renting individual aircraft hangars or tie-downs offered to the
191 general public and owned by the authority, provided that the
192 price and terms of the transaction are available to all members
193 of the public.

194 (2) No member, officer, agent, or employee of the
195 authority, either for himself or herself or as agent for anyone
196 else, or as a stockholder or owner in any other legal entity,
197 shall participate in or benefit directly or indirectly from any
198 sale, purchase, lease, franchise, contract, or other transaction
199 entered into by the authority or the city. The provisions of
200 this subsection shall be cumulative to any general laws of the
201 state that may from time to time be applicable to members,
202 officers, agents, or employees of the authority and that require
203 the disclosure of, or prohibit, conflicts of interest.

204 (3) No member, as an individual, may represent the
205 authority, speak for the authority, or speak on behalf of the
206 authority without being directed through a formal action of the
207 authority to do so.

208 Section 7. Powers and duties.--

209 (1) The authority shall have jurisdiction over the
210 operation and maintenance of all airport and airport facilities
211 in the city or county, except any airport owned and operated by
212 a private person.

213 (2) The authority has the power to and may:

214 (a) Approve, file with the chief executive officer (CEO),
215 and pay any surety bond required of any member or of any
216 employee of the authority.

217 (b) Advertise for sealed bids when required by law;
218 however, the authority may reject all bids and readvertise or
219 select a single item from any bid as further provided in this
220 act.

221 (c) Adopt before October 1 an annual budget that has been
222 prepared by the CEO and which must include an estimate of all
223 revenues and anticipated expenditures for the following fiscal
224 year.

225 (d) Require in all bond documents that moneys derived from
226 such bonds be paid to or upon order of the authority.

227 (e) Have the authority's finances audited in the same
228 manner as other independent special districts are audited.

229 (f) Rely on the provisions of this act in exercising its
230 powers.

231 (g) Appoint or employ and constitute its own airport
232 guards or police officers, or to contract with the city, county,
233 or agency of the state to provide law enforcement services and
234 protection through its duly sworn officers, and all such
235 officers shall have full power of arrest to prevent or abate the
236 commission of an offense against the ordinances of the city or
237 county, the laws of this state, or the laws of the United
238 States, when any such offense or threatened offense occurs upon
239 airport property on the airport.

240 (h) Construct and maintain terminal buildings, causeways,
241 roadways, bridges for approach to or connecting with the
242 airport, on airport property.

243 (i) Require the secretary-treasurer and other officers or
244 employees of the authority to execute an adequate surety bond,
245 conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of the
246 office or employment and in a penal sum fixed by the authority.

247 (j) Establish positions, duties, and a pay plan, and
248 employ, pay, provide benefits for, promote, discipline, and
249 terminate personnel and a CEO, in accordance with general law,
250 who shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration,
251 management, and operation of the airport in accordance with
252 policy established by the authority and perform other duties as
253 may be authorized by the authority.

254 (k) By policy or resolution, authorize the CEO to perform
255 any of the powers of the authority in whole or in part and with
256 whatever other limitations it may find appropriate, provided
257 that said authorization does not result in an invalid exercise
258 of delegated legislative authority as defined in general law.

259 (l) Employ or contract with technical and professional
260 experts necessary to assist the authority in carrying out or
261 exercising any powers granted by this act.

262 (m) Reimburse for all travel expenses incurred while on
263 business for the authority, upon requisition, any member, its
264 attorneys, the CEO, and any employee of the authority traveling
265 under the direction of the CEO or the CEO's designee in
266 accordance with section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

267 (n) Create, appoint, and prescribe the duties of any
268 committee.

269 (o) Sue and be sued.

270 (p) Adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal.

271 (q) Publish advertisements.

272 (r) Waive advertisement when the authority determines an
273 emergency exists and supplies and materials must be immediately
274 acquired by the authority.

275 (s) Negotiate and enter into contracts, agreements,
276 exclusive or limited agreements, and cooperation agreements of
277 any kind necessary for the authority to fulfill the purposes of
278 this act.

279 (t) Include contract specifications maximizing the
280 employment of persons whose protected group has been
281 underutilized in the past.

282 (u) Provide for the manual execution of any instrument on
283 behalf of the authority by the signature of the chair or vice
284 chair, and attested to by the secretary or the assistant
285 secretary, or, if delegated by the members to do so, the CEO or
286 any other authority personnel to whom authority has been
287 delegated, or by the signer's facsimile signature in accordance
288 with the Uniform Facsimile Signature of Public Officials Act.

289 (v) Purchase and sell equipment, supplies, and services
290 required for its purposes.

291 (w) Consent to the sale, lease, transfer, disposition of,
292 or granting a lesser interest in the airport. To let or lease
293 the airport and the airport facilities or any portion thereof

294 and to grant concessions upon such terms and conditions as it
295 shall deem proper.

296 (x) Dispose of tangible personal property in accordance
297 with chapter 274, Florida Statutes.

298 (y) Advertise, promote, and encourage the use and
299 expansion of facilities under its jurisdiction.

300 (z) The airport shall have jurisdiction over the operation
301 and maintenance of the airport and airport facilities. All
302 development activity must be in accordance with the City of
303 Gainesville's Comprehensive Plan and Land Development
304 Regulations, except as set forth below in this paragraph, and
305 with the Airport Master Zoning Plan to be adopted by the city
306 commission and updated from time to time by the city commission.
307 The airport may adopt its own development standards relating
308 only to heights and design of buildings, landscaping, parking,
309 sidewalks, lighting, and signage (excluding billboards and off-
310 premises signs). If the authority formally adopts such
311 development standards, they will apply in lieu of the comparable
312 specific standards in the city's land development regulations.

313 (aa) Acquire real property in fee simple or any lesser
314 interest or easement by purchase, gift, devise, lease, or other
315 means if the authority is able to agree with the owners of said
316 property on the terms of such acquisition. To acquire real
317 property in fee simple or any lesser interest or easement as it
318 may deem necessary for the property managing and operation of
319 the airport and airport facilities, by condemnation in the
320 manner provided by the law under which municipalities are

321 authorized to acquire property for public purposes, with full
322 power to exercise the right of eminent domain for such purposes
323 being hereby granted to said authority as specified in and
324 including all the powers, rights, and privileges of chapters 73
325 and 74, Florida Statutes, or any succeeding legislation. For the
326 purposes of making surveys and examinations relative to any
327 condemnation proceedings, it shall be lawful to enter upon any
328 land, doing no unnecessary damage. The authority may take
329 possession of any such property to be acquired at any time after
330 the filing of the petition describing the same in condemnation
331 proceedings, as provided in chapters 73 and 74, Florida
332 Statutes. It shall not be precluded from abandoning the
333 condemnation of any such property in any case where possession
334 thereof has not been taken. To acquire or lease personal
335 property in the name of the authority.

336 (bb) Reimburse the owner of any structure for which the
337 authority may require removal, relocation, or reconstruction
338 located in, on, under, or across any private property, public
339 street, highway, or other public or private places for the
340 estimated or actual expense of the removal, relocation, or
341 reconstruction.

342 (cc) Supplement and coordinate in design and operation air
343 navigation facilities with those established and operated by the
344 federal and state governments.

345 (dd) Request the county or any municipality to convey to
346 the authority the fee simple title to any airport or other

347 property owned by the county or any municipality and needed for
 348 airport purposes.

349 (ee) Relinquish jurisdiction, control, supervision, and
 350 management over the airport or part of the airport which is
 351 under its jurisdiction but which is owned by a municipality,
 352 county, or other governmental agency, upon determining that any
 353 such airport or part of any such airport is no longer required
 354 for airport purposes, provided that the consent and approval of
 355 any municipality, county, or other governmental agency and any
 356 revenue bondholders are first obtained and necessary
 357 authorizations or approvals are received from federal agencies
 358 regulating airports.

359 (ff) Expend revenues for the cost of investigating,
 360 surveying, planning, acquiring, establishing, constructing,
 361 enlarging, improving, equipping, and erecting airport facilities
 362 by appropriation of revenues or wholly or partly from the
 363 proceeds of bonds of the authority. The term "cost" includes
 364 awards in condemnation proceedings, rentals where an acquisition
 365 is by lease, and amounts paid to utility companies for
 366 relocation of their wires, poles, and other facilities.

367 (gg) Incur expenses as provided in its annual budget and
 368 any amended budget.

369 (hh) Assess against and collect from the owner or operator
 370 of each airplane using any airport facility a landing fee or
 371 service charge sufficient to cover the cost of the service
 372 furnished to airplanes using any such facility, which cost may

373 include the liquidation of bonds or other indebtedness for
374 construction and improvement.

375 (ii) Accept federal, state, and any other public or
376 private moneys, grants, contributions, or loans for the
377 acquisition, construction, enlargement, improvement,
378 maintenance, equipment, or operation of airport facilities, or
379 any other lawful purpose.

380 (jj) Fix, alter, charge, establish, and collect rates,
381 fees, rentals, and other charges for the services of the
382 authority at reasonable and uniform rates.

383 (kk) Apply for, hold, and periodically transfer alcoholic
384 beverage licenses as provided by this act.

385 (ll) Adopt and amend rules, regulations, and policies
386 reasonably necessary for the implementation of this act.

387 (mm) By resolution, fix and enforce civil penalties for
388 the violation of a rule, regulation, or policy adopted in
389 accordance with this act relating to the operation of general
390 aviation, air passenger service, or ground transportation
391 service.

392 (nn) Amend the budget after its adoption.

393 (oo) Receive, deposit, secure, and pay out moneys as
394 provided by this act.

395 (pp) Designate a depository or depositories which are
396 qualified as a public depository pursuant to section 280.04,
397 Florida Statutes, and thereafter establish and open an account
398 or accounts into which revenues collected are to be deposited
399 and from which expenditures may be made.

400 (qq) Establish and deposit into and expend moneys from a
401 surplus fund by using funds that may remain unexpended at the
402 end of the fiscal year and may be set aside in a separate fund
403 to be known as the Capital Improvement Fund and accumulated and
404 expended from year to year solely for the purpose of building
405 and constructing permanent improvements, replacements,
406 alterations, buildings, and other structures, including runways,
407 taxi strips, and aprons.

408 (rr) By resolution, borrow money and issue bonds in the
409 manner and within the limitation, except as otherwise provided
410 in this act, prescribed by general law for the issuance and
411 authorization of bonds; however, any bonds issued by the
412 authority shall have a maturity date not exceeding 40 years from
413 the date of issuance, shall be self-liquidating or otherwise
414 payable from revenues of the authority, shall be payable
415 semiannually, and shall not be a lien against the general taxing
416 powers of the county or any municipality.

417 (ss) Enter into any agreements with any bank or trust
418 company as security for its bonds, and assign and pledge any or
419 all of its revenues. Such agreements may contain provisions
420 customary in such instruments or as authorized by the authority.

421 (tt) Secure the payment of bonds or any part thereof by
422 pledging all or any part of its revenues and provide for the
423 security of said bonds, without pledging any real property
424 rights to the airport or airport facilities, and the rights and
425 remedies of the bondholders.

426 (uu) Pending the preparation of definitive bonds, issue
 427 certificates or temporary bonds to the purchaser of bonds.

428 (vv) Transact the business of the authority and exercise
 429 all powers necessarily incidental to the exercise of the general
 430 and special powers granted in this act and under any other law.

431 (ww) Do all acts and things necessary or convenient for
 432 the promotion of its business and the general welfare of the
 433 authority.

434 Section 8. Budget.--The fiscal year for the authority
 435 shall be October 1 through September 30 of each year. For each
 436 fiscal year after the effective date of this act:

437 (1) Prior to preparation of the annual budget as provided
 438 in subsection (2), the authority shall develop an annual
 439 proposed budget consisting of the elements described in
 440 subsection (2), which shall be presented for a public hearing
 441 before the citizens of Alachua County. This public hearing shall
 442 be noticed as a budget hearing.

443 (2) Following the public hearing conducted pursuant to
 444 subsection (1), the authority shall prepare an annual budget,
 445 consisting of an operating revenue/operating expense account,
 446 capital outlay account, and capital project account for its
 447 operations in the ensuing fiscal year. At the time the authority
 448 prepares its annual budget, it shall adopt a resolution
 449 determining and finding the estimated amounts to be expended by
 450 the authority in the ensuing year in each account, exclusive of
 451 any bonds or other indebtedness of the authority, used to
 452 acquire, establish, construct, enlarge, operate, and maintain

453 the airport and airport facilities and other facilities related
454 thereto, or for any other corporate purpose of the authority.

455 (3) The authority may, at any time within a fiscal year,
456 adopt budget amendments.

457 (4) All anticipated revenues to be derived from the
458 operation of the airport and airport facilities shall be
459 included in the budget, provided that any amounts of money,
460 anticipated or actual, including funds in the authority's budget
461 for the preceding fiscal year which remain unencumbered and
462 unexpended from the revenue derived under the budget for the
463 preceding fiscal year, may, by resolution of the authority, be
464 set aside in a separate fund, to be known and described as a
465 Renewal and Replacement Fund and accumulated in said fund from
466 year to year for the purpose purchasing real and tangible
467 personal property, and building and constructing permanent
468 improvements, replacements, alterations, buildings, and other
469 structures, including, but not limited to, runways, taxi strips,
470 and aprons. Such funds may be disbursed from time to time out of
471 the Renewal and Replacement Fund, upon proper resolution of the
472 authority, solely for the payment of the cost of purchasing real
473 and tangible personal property, and building and constructing
474 permanent improvements, replacements, alterations, buildings,
475 and other structures, including, but not limited to, runways,
476 taxi strips, and aprons.

477 (5) The authority shall adopt budget procedures to
478 establish the direct and indirect costs of operating and
479 maintaining the airport and airport facilities, as well as the

480 direct income derived therefrom. However, the budget of the
481 authority shall not include the maintenance and upkeep of
482 navigational aids as performed and funded directly by the
483 Federal Aviation Administration.

484 (6) The city, the county, and the county's other political
485 subdivisions may, by loan or grant, fund budget deficits of the
486 authority, and all may guarantee bonds issued by the authority.

487 Section 9. Relationship between the authority and the city
488 and county.--The authority shall have the power and
489 responsibility to operate the airport and airport facilities in
490 a manner consistent with applicable federal, state, county, and
491 city law. The city has no power to operate or maintain the
492 airport and airport facilities. Applicable codes of the city
493 shall apply to the airport except to the extent that different
494 state or federal requirements are expressly applicable, and
495 except to the extent that the authority or the airport has been
496 made exempt from any requirement of the city by state or federal
497 law. All construction upon the airport shall be subject to
498 inspection by the city on behalf of the state and the city
499 inspectors may ensure compliance with applicable state
500 regulation for such construction in addition to applicable city
501 regulations.

502 Section 10. Title to airport land.--The city may convey
503 title to the land comprising the airport to the authority for no
504 monetary consideration. Nothing in this act shall be construed
505 to impair the obligations of any original agreements with the
506 Federal Government.

507 Section 11. Bonds.--

508 (1) The authority is empowered and authorized to issue
509 revenue or refund bonds. The purpose of the bonds shall be to
510 pay all or any part of the cost for acquisition and development
511 of property by the authority for the design and construction or
512 reconstruction of any authorized project, for equipment, or for
513 refunding of bonds for the same purpose.

514 (2) Bonds issued under this section shall be authorized by
515 resolution of the authority. Such bonds may be issued in one or
516 more series and shall bear such date or dates, be payable upon
517 demand or mature at such time or times, be in such denomination
518 or denominations, be in such form, registered or not, with or
519 without coupon, carry such conversion or registration
520 privileges, have such rank or priority, be executed in such
521 manner, be payable in such medium of payment at such place or
522 places, and be subject to such terms of redemption, with or
523 without premium, be secured in such manner, and have such other
524 characteristics as may be provided by such resolution or
525 ordinance or trust indenture or mortgage issued pursuant
526 thereto. Such bonds shall bear interest at such rate or rates
527 allowed by section 215.84, Florida Statutes.

528 (3) The authority shall determine the terms and manner of
529 sale and distribution or other disposition of any and all bonds
530 it may issue and shall have any and all powers necessary or
531 convenient to such disposition.

532 (4) The authority may establish and administer such
533 sinking funds as it deems necessary or convenient for the

534 payment, purchase, or redemption of any outstanding bonded
535 indebtedness of the authority.

536 Section 12. Covenant of the state.--The state does pledge
537 to, and agree with, the Federal Government and any person, firm,
538 or corporation subscribing to or acquiring the bonds to be
539 issued by the authority for the construction, acquisition,
540 extension, improvement, or enlargement of projects, or any part
541 thereof, that the state will not limit or alter the rights
542 hereby vested in the authority until all bonds at any time
543 issued, together with the interest thereon, are fully paid and
544 discharged or until provision is made therefor. The state does
545 further pledge to, and agree with, the Federal Government that
546 in the event that the Federal Government shall construct or
547 contribute any funds for the construction, acquisition,
548 extension, improvement, or enlargement of said projects, or any
549 part thereof, the state will not alter or limit the rights and
550 powers of the authority in any manner which would be
551 inconsistent with the continued maintenance and operation of the
552 projects, or any part thereof, or the improvement thereof, or
553 which would be inconsistent with the due performance of any
554 agreements between the authority and the Federal Government, and
555 the authority shall continue to have and may exercise all powers
556 herein granted, so long as the same may be necessary or
557 desirable for the carrying out of the purposes of this act and
558 the purposes of the Federal Government in the construction or
559 acquisition or improvement or enlargement of said projects or
560 any part thereof.

561 Section 13. Alcoholic beverage license.--

562 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon
563 application to the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
564 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the
565 division shall issue a beverage license as provided under
566 section 561.17, Florida Statutes, to the authority or other
567 governmental agency operating the Gainesville Regional Airport.

568 (a) Application shall be made with the division in the
569 name of the authority or other governmental agency operating
570 Gainesville Regional Airport and the license shall be issued in
571 the name of the applicant.

572 (b) The beverage license shall authorize the consumption
573 of alcoholic beverages only on a licensed premises located
574 within the Gainesville Regional Airport.

575 (c) The applicant shall pay to the division the applicable
576 license fee provided in section 565.02, Florida Statutes.

577 (2) Any alcoholic beverage license issued in accordance
578 with this section is the property of the authority or the
579 governmental agency operating Gainesville Regional Airport,
580 subject to transfer as provided by this section. Such license
581 may be transferred from time to time to a lessee operating
582 within the Gainesville Regional Airport that meets all
583 applicable qualifications for licensure under the Beverage Law.

584 (a) The authority or governmental agency operating the
585 Gainesville Regional Airport and an authorized lessee shall make
586 application to the division for the transfer of the license to a
587 lessee, and the application shall be approved by the division if

588 the lessee meets the applicable licensing requirements of the
589 Beverage Law.

590 (b) Upon termination of a lease, the lessee shall
591 immediately notify the division to transfer the license back to
592 the authority or the governmental agency operating the
593 Gainesville Regional Airport. Upon failure of a lessee to notify
594 the division, the authority or the governmental agency operating
595 Gainesville Regional Airport shall immediately request the
596 division in writing to transfer the license back to the
597 authority or other governmental agency operating the Gainesville
598 Regional Airport. Thereafter, the beverage license may be
599 transferred to any lessee meeting qualification standards for
600 licensure under the Beverage Law.

601 (c) Upon termination of a lease for any reason or other
602 disqualification, the license shall automatically revert by
603 operation of law to the authority or governmental agency
604 operating the Gainesville Regional Airport.

605 (3) Each beverage license shall be for the term and
606 subject to the same privileges or renewal as provided in
607 sections 561.26 and 561.27, Florida Statutes. All provisions of
608 the Beverage Law not inconsistent with this act shall apply to
609 the license.

610 (4) This section does not preclude other persons operating
611 on property of the authority from acquiring an alcoholic
612 beverage license for use on its premises pursuant to general
613 law.

614 Section 14. Purchasing and award of contracts.--Purchasing
615 and award of contracts shall be consistent with the authority's
616 purchasing policy and general law.

617 Section 15. Discrimination prohibited.--

618 (1) The authority and its lessees, including successors in
619 interest, shall not because of race, color, sex, religion,
620 national origin, age, or disability of any individual refuse to
621 hire, employ, bar, or discharge from employment such individual
622 or to otherwise discriminate against such individual with
623 respect to compensation, hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or
624 privileges of employment.

625 (2) No person on the grounds of race, color, sex,
626 religion, national origin, age, or disability shall be excluded
627 from the participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise
628 subjected to discrimination in the use of leased premises of the
629 authority.

630 (3) In furnishing services or materials, or in the
631 construction of any improvements, no person shall be excluded
632 from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise
633 subjected to discrimination with respect thereto.

634 (4) This section does not supersede or preempt any state
635 or local laws prohibiting discrimination. The authority and its
636 officers, employees, and agents shall be subject to federal,
637 state, and local laws prohibiting discrimination to the extent
638 provided by such laws.

639 Section 16. Litigation.--Nothing herein shall interfere
640 with any legal action filed by or against the city or

641 predecessor or predecessors of the authority. The authority may
642 become a party in any such action as provided by law. Nothing
643 herein shall impair the right of the city or the authority to
644 initiate, pursue, or defend litigation.

645 Section 17. Severability.--If any provision of this act or
646 the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held
647 invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or
648 applications of the act which can be given effect without the
649 invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the
650 provisions of this act are declared severable.

651 Section 4. Chapters 86-469, 89-433, and 95-457, Laws of
652 Florida, are repealed.

653 Section 5. This act does not supersede any state or
654 federal laws or any state or federal grant assurances.

655 Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.