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 2 An act relating to the Hillsborough County Aviation
 3 Authority; codifying, reenacting, and amending the
 4 Authority's special acts; revising definitions;
 5 providing that independent special districts operate
 6 to serve a public purpose; providing that operation of
 7 public airports serve a governmental, municipal, or
 8 public purpose or function and are essential to the
 9 safety, security, and welfare of the people within the
 10 county; providing for advertisement as provided by
 11 law; providing the ability to employ or contract with
 12 lobbyists; providing for electronic execution of
 13 instruments; authorizing the lease of equipment,
 14 support, and services; providing for imposition of
 15 certain fees; authorizing application for and the
 16 holding of trademarks and service marks, the
 17 solicitation of air carriers, and permitting receiving
 18 and providing sponsorships; providing ability to self-
 19 insure, enter into risk management programs, or
 20 purchase liability insurance; revising the list of
 21 governmental entities that the Authority can enter
 22 into interlocal agreements with and removing maximum
 23 duration on such interlocal agreements; providing
 24 requirements for award of contracts and when such
 25 requirements do not apply; providing for

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26 recodification; repealing chapters 2012-234 and 2014-
 27 250, Laws of Florida, relating to the Authority;
 28 providing severability; providing an effective date.

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

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 32 Section 1. Pursuant to s. 189.019, Florida Statutes, this
 33 act constitutes the codification of all special acts relating to
 34 the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority. It is the intent of
 35 the Legislature in enacting this law to provide a single,
 36 comprehensive special act charter for the Authority, including
 37 all current legislative authority granted to the Authority by
 38 its several legislative enactments and any additional authority
 39 granted by this act.

40 Section 2. Chapters 2012-234 and 2014-250, Laws of
 41 Florida, relating to the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority,
 42 are codified, reenacted, amended, and repealed as provided in
 43 this act.

44 Section 3. The charter for the Hillsborough County
 45 Aviation Authority is re-created and reenacted to read:

46 Section 1. Short title.—This act may be cited as the
 47 "Hillsborough County Aviation Authority Act."

48 Section 2. General provisions.—

49 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that this act
 50 supersede chapters 2012-234 and 2014-250, Laws of Florida,

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51 relating to the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, and is a
 52 codification, a compilation of previously existing legislation
 53 relating to the Authority.

54 (2) The codification is also to act as a reviser's bill,
 55 deleting provisions which have expired, have had their effect,
 56 have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or
 57 superseded; replacing incorrect cross references and citations,
 58 correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors; removing
 59 inconsistencies and redundancies; and improving clarity and
 60 facilitating correct interpretation. It is the intent of the
 61 Legislature to define frequently used terms and to reflect
 62 standard business practices required for an independent special
 63 district to conduct its business which have not been previously
 64 enumerated.

65 (3) The Authority shall comply with federal law regarding
 66 expenditure of federal moneys.

67 (4) This act shall not be construed as impairing or
 68 infringing upon any rights, privileges, or benefits enjoyed by
 69 any employee of the Authority who is so employed on the
 70 effective date of this act.

71 (5) The members and employees of the Authority shall
 72 comply with part III of chapter 112, Florida Statutes, as may be
 73 amended from time to time.

74 (6) This act provides an additional, alternative, and
 75 complete method for the exercise of the powers granted and

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76 authorized by this act and shall be regarded as supplemental to
 77 powers conferred by other laws and shall not be regarded as a
 78 derogation of any powers now existing.

79 (7) The Legislature declares that independent special
 80 districts operate to serve a public purpose and are a legitimate
 81 method available for use by the public sector to manage, own,
 82 operate, construct, and finance basic capital infrastructure,
 83 facilities, and services.

84 (8) Regarding the airport facilities and concessions, the
 85 Legislature finds and declares:

86 (a) The proper operation of the publicly owned or operated
 87 airports in the County is essential to the safety, security, and
 88 welfare of the people of the Tampa Bay area, the state, and its
 89 people.

90 (b) The publicly owned or operated airports in the County
 91 establish a vital transportation link between the state and the
 92 economic systems of the nation and the world and enable the
 93 state to enjoy and provide the benefits of an international
 94 tourist and commercial center.

95 (c) The economic validity and stability of the publicly
 96 owned or operated airports in the County is a matter of
 97 statewide importance.

98 (d) The policy of this state is to promote the development
 99 of commerce and tourism to secure to the people of this state
 100 the benefits of those activities conducted in the state.

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101 (e) The proper operation of the publicly owned or operated
 102 airports in the County is essential to the safety, security, and
 103 welfare of the state and its people, and the Legislature
 104 recognizes and affirms such operation as a governmental,
 105 municipal, or public function to be discharged in furtherance of
 106 the policy of securing the benefits of commerce and tourism for
 107 the state and its people.

108 (9) The Authority shall manage airport facilities and
 109 grant airport concessions to further the development of commerce
 110 and tourism in or affecting the Tampa Bay area and the state. In
 111 managing its facilities and granting concessions for services to
 112 the public, the Authority shall promote the development of
 113 commerce and tourism by:

114 (a) Securing a diversity of airport services.

115 (b) Avoiding wasteful duplication of such services.

116 (c) Securing to the users of airports safe, courteous, and
 117 quality service.

118 (d) Limiting or prohibiting business competition which is
 119 destructive to the ends of promoting commerce and tourism in the
 120 state.

121 (e) Allocating limited airport resources to promote such
 122 ends.

123 (f) Fostering Florida's image as a commercial and tourist
 124 center.

125 Section 3. Definitions.—As used in this act, unless

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126 otherwise specifically defined or unless another intention
127 clearly appears:

128 (1) "Advertisement" means a notice published at least once
129 a week for 2 consecutive weeks in at least two newspapers of
130 general circulation in the County, as defined in general law, as
131 may be amended from time to time, or as otherwise provided by
132 law.

133 (2) "Air navigation" means the operation or navigation of
134 aircraft in the air space over the County or upon any airport or
135 restricted landing area within the County.

136 (3) "Air navigation facility" means any facility used in,
137 available for use in, or designed for use in aid of air
138 navigation, including airports, restricted landing areas, and
139 any structures, mechanisms, lights, beacons, marks,
140 communicating systems, or other instrumentalities or devices
141 used or useful as an aid or constituting an advantage or
142 convenience to the safe taking off, navigation, and landing of
143 aircraft or the safe and efficient operation or maintenance of
144 an airport or restricted landing area, and any combination of
145 any or all of such facilities.

146 (4) "Airport" means any area of land or water which is
147 designed for the landing and taking off of aircraft, whether or
148 not facilities are provided for the shelter, servicing, or
149 repair of aircraft or for receiving, servicing, and discharging
150 passengers or cargo, all appurtenant areas used or suitable for

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151 airport buildings or other airport facilities, easements, and
 152 all appurtenant rights-of-way.

153 (5) "Airports and other aviation facilities and facilities
 154 related thereto and any portion thereof" means and includes
 155 airports, buildings, structures, terminal buildings, parking
 156 garages and lots, space, hangars, lands, warehouses, shops,
 157 hotels, restaurants, rental car centers, office complexes,
 158 general commercial facilities, gas or service stations, solar
 159 energy facilities, other aviation facilities of any kind or
 160 nature, or any other facilities of any kind or nature related to
 161 or connected with said airports and other aviation facilities
 162 which the Authority is authorized by law to construct, acquire,
 163 own, lease, or operate, together with all fixtures, equipment,
 164 and property, real or personal, tangible or intangible,
 165 necessary, appurtenant, or incidental thereto.

166 (6) "Airport purposes" means and includes airport,
 167 restricted landing area, aviation, aeronautical, and other air
 168 navigation facility purposes.

169 (7) "Authority" means the Hillsborough County Aviation
 170 Authority.

171 (8) "Authority facility" means an airport, airports and
 172 other aviation facilities and facilities related thereto and any
 173 portion thereof, air navigation facilities, and special purpose
 174 facilities and any portion thereof.

175 (9) "Board" means the Board of County Commissioners of

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176 Hillsborough County.

177 (10) "Bond" means and embraces bonds, notes, certificates,
 178 and other financial obligations issued by the Authority for financing
 179 or refinancing purposes and, except where otherwise required by the
 180 context, notes and other instruments executed to evidence obligations
 181 of the Authority for the repayment of borrowed funds.

182 (11) "Clerk" means Clerk of the Court of Hillsborough
 183 County.

184 (12) "County" means the County of Hillsborough.

185 (13) "Division" means the Florida Department of Business
 186 and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and
 187 Tobacco or any successor agency.

188 (14) "Federal" or "Federal Government" means the United
 189 States government, the President of the United States, and any
 190 department, corporation, commission, agency, or other
 191 instrumentality thereof.

192 (15) "Governor" means the Governor of the State of
 193 Florida.

194 (16) "Instrument" means a formal or legal document in
 195 writing, including, but not limited to, a contract, deed, bond,
 196 lease, or mortgage.

197 (17) "Members" means the governing body of the Authority,
 198 and the term "member" means one of the individuals constituting
 199 such governing body.

200 (18) "Municipality" means a municipality created pursuant

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201 to general or special law authorized or recognized pursuant to
 202 s. 2 or s. 6, Art. VIII of the State Constitution and located in
 203 the County.

204 (19) "Officer of the Authority" means a member who has
 205 been elected by the other members to serve as the Chairperson,
 206 Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, or Assistant
 207 Secretary/Assistant Treasurer.

208 (20) "Person" means and includes individuals, children,
 209 firms, associations, joint ventures, partnerships, estates,
 210 trusts, business trusts, syndicates, fiduciaries, corporations,
 211 and all other groups or combinations.

212 (21) "Policy" means a general principle adopted by the
 213 members and by which the Authority conducts its internal
 214 governance.

215 (22) "Regulation" means the same as "rule" as defined by
 216 this act and may be used interchangeably with the word "rule."

217 (23) "Resolution" means a formal, written expression of an
 218 action adopted by the members.

219 (24) "Revenues" means rates, fees, grants, receipts,
 220 charges, and other moneys acquired through all sources by the
 221 Authority and interest income thereon.

222 (25) "Rule" means each statement of general applicability
 223 adopted by the members that implements, interprets, or
 224 prescribes law or policy or describes the procedure or practice
 225 requirements of the Authority and includes any form which

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226 imposes any requirement or solicits any information not
 227 specifically required by statute or by an existing rule and may
 228 be used interchangeably with the word "regulation" or
 229 "ordinance."

230 (26) "Special purpose facilities and any portion thereof"
 231 means facilities related to or to be used in connection with the
 232 airports and other aviation facilities of the Authority and
 233 located on lands at or adjacent to the airports and other
 234 aviation facilities under the control, management, and
 235 jurisdiction of the Authority and includes all property,
 236 structures, rights, easements, and franchises relating thereto
 237 and deemed necessary or convenient therefor.

238 (27) "Standard procedure" means the method and manner
 239 established or approved by the Chief Executive Officer or a
 240 designee of the Chief Executive Officer that implements policy
 241 for the day-to-day management of the Authority's operations.

242 (28) "State government" means the government of the State
 243 of Florida, the Governor, and any department, commission,
 244 corporation, agency, or other instrumentality thereof.

245 (29) "Surplus fund" means an unrestricted fund established
 246 by the Authority into which certain revenues of the Authority
 247 may be deposited on a monthly or more frequent basis after
 248 payment, or provision for payment, of all current expenses
 249 pursuant to its then-applicable budget and after all deposits
 250 have been made as required under its indentures, trust

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251 agreements, and other contracts.

252 (30) "TPA" means Tampa International Airport.

253 Section 4. Creation; purpose.—

254 (1) The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority is created,
 255 and the powers granted by this act are declared to be
 256 governmental, municipal, or public purposes or functions,
 257 exercised for public purposes, and are matters of public
 258 necessity. Lands and other real and personal property,
 259 easements, and privileges acquired and used by the Authority are
 260 declared to have been acquired for and used for governmental,
 261 municipal, or public purposes or functions and as a matter of
 262 public necessity. The Authority is a public body corporate and
 263 is an independent special district.

264 (2) The Authority has exclusive jurisdiction, control,
 265 supervision, and management over all airports in the County and
 266 each municipality, except any airport owned, controlled, and
 267 operated by a private person. Said jurisdiction, control,
 268 supervision, and management are in the best interest of the
 269 County and each municipality.

270 Section 5. Membership.—

271 (1) The Authority shall consist of five members: one
 272 member who is the Mayor of the City of Tampa, ex officio; one
 273 member who is a member of and selected by the Board, ex officio;
 274 and three members who are appointed by the Governor. No member
 275 shall receive any compensation for services as a member. Each

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276 member appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for a term
 277 of 4 years. The Board shall appoint one of its members annually
 278 at the time of its organizational session who shall serve until
 279 its next annual appointment, provided that he or she continues
 280 to serve as a county commissioner during that time. Each member
 281 shall qualify by taking an oath to faithfully perform the duties
 282 of the office, and the oath shall be filed with the Clerk. To be
 283 eligible for appointment as a member of the Authority by the
 284 Governor, the person appointed must be a resident and citizen of
 285 the County and may not be employed by or be an elected official
 286 of the County or municipality. Each member may continue to serve
 287 until a successor has been commissioned.

288 (2) A majority of the members physically present
 289 constitutes a quorum.

290 (3) The Governor has the power to remove any member for
 291 good cause. Within 15 days after any vacancy occurs a successor
 292 shall be appointed in the same manner as that member for which a
 293 vacancy has occurred and shall serve for the unexpired term of
 294 his or her predecessor.

295 Section 6. Powers.—

296 (1) The Authority has the power to and shall:

297 (a) Elect officers as follows: one member as Chairperson,
 298 one member as Vice Chairperson, one member as Secretary, one
 299 member as Treasurer, and one member as Assistant
 300 Secretary/Assistant Treasurer, each of whom shall hold office

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301 until new elections are held. Elections shall be held for all
 302 officer positions whenever a new member is appointed to the
 303 board by the Governor or whenever an existing member is
 304 reappointed to the board by the Governor.

305 (b) Approve, file with the Clerk, and pay any surety bond
 306 required of any member and any employee of the Authority.

307 (c) Exclusively control, supervise, and manage all
 308 airports in the County and each municipality, except any airport
 309 owned, controlled, or operated by a private person.

310 (d) Advertise for sealed bids and other competitive
 311 selection processes when and as required by law; provided,
 312 however, the Authority may reject all bids, proposals, or
 313 responses and readvertise or select a single item from any bid,
 314 proposal, or response as further provided in this act.

315 (e) Adopt before October 1 an annual budget which has been
 316 prepared by the Chief Executive Officer and which must include
 317 an estimate of all revenues and anticipated expenditures for the
 318 following fiscal year.

319 (f) Require in all bond documents that moneys derived from
 320 such bonds be paid to or upon order of the Authority.

321 (g) Have the Authority's finances audited in the same
 322 manner as other independent special districts are audited.

323 (2) The Authority has the power to and may:

324 (a) Rely on the provisions of this act, without reference
 325 to other laws, in exercising its powers.

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326 (b) Establish and maintain such airports in, over, and
 327 upon any public waters of this state within the limits of
 328 jurisdiction of, or bordering on any municipality, any submerged
 329 land under such public waters, and any artificial or reclaimed
 330 land which, before the artificial making or reclamation thereof,
 331 constituted a portion of the submerged land under such public
 332 waters.

333 (c) Construct and maintain terminal buildings, landing
 334 floats, causeways, roadways, runways, taxiways, bridges for
 335 approach to or connecting with the airport, and land floats and
 336 breakwaters for the protection of any such airport.

337 (d) Require the Treasurer and other officers or employees
 338 of the Authority to execute an adequate surety bond, conditioned
 339 upon the faithful performance of the duties of the office or
 340 employment and in a penal sum fixed by the Authority.

341 (e) Employ, pay, and provide benefits, which may include a
 342 bonus scheme, for personnel, including law enforcement officers
 343 with full police powers and a Chief Executive Officer, or any
 344 similar title given by the members, formerly known as the
 345 Executive Director, who shall establish positions, duties, and a
 346 pay plan, which may include a bonus scheme, for and promote,
 347 discipline, and terminate personnel; be responsible for the day-
 348 to-day administration, management, and operation of the
 349 Authority in accordance with policy established by the members;
 350 and perform other duties as may be authorized by the members.

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351 (f) By policy or resolution, authorize the Chief Executive
 352 Officer to perform any of the powers of the Authority in whole
 353 or in part and with whatever other limitations it may find
 354 appropriate, provided that said authorization does not result in
 355 an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority as
 356 defined in general law.

357 (g) Employ or contract with technical and professional
 358 experts including, but not limited to, lobbyists necessary to
 359 assist the Authority in carrying out or exercising any powers
 360 granted by this act.

361 (h) Reimburse for all travel expenses incurred while on
 362 business for the Authority, upon requisition, any member, its
 363 attorneys, the Chief Executive Officer, and any employee, agent,
 364 or contractor of the Authority traveling under the direction of
 365 the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Executive Officer's
 366 designee in accordance with the Authority's policies.

367 (i) Create, appoint, and prescribe the duties of any
 368 committee.

369 (j) Sue and be sued.

370 (k) Adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal.

371 (l) Publish advertisements.

372 (m) Waive advertisement when the Chief Executive Officer
 373 determines an emergency exists and purchases must be immediately
 374 made by the Authority.

375 (n) Negotiate and enter into contracts, agreements,

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376 exclusive or limited agreements, and cooperation agreements of
 377 any kind necessary for the Authority to fulfill the purposes of
 378 this act.

379 (o) Include contract specifications ensuring the
 380 employment of persons whose protected group has been
 381 underutilized in the past.

382 (p) Enter into exclusive or limited agreements with a
 383 single operator or a limited number of operators. The Authority
 384 shall grant exclusive or limited agreements to displace business
 385 competition by rule or policy whenever the Authority determines,
 386 in consideration of the factors set forth below, that any such
 387 agreement is necessary to further the purposes of this act.
 388 Before entering into any exclusive or limited agreement, the
 389 Authority shall, under authority expressly delegated by the
 390 state, determine the necessity for such an exclusive or limited
 391 agreement to further the policies and objectives stated in this
 392 act, which include public safety, public convenience, quality of
 393 service, the need to conserve airport space, the need to avoid
 394 duplication of services, the impact on the environment or
 395 facilities of the airport as an essential commercial and tourist
 396 service center, and the need to avoid destructive competition
 397 which may impair the quality of airport services to the public,
 398 lead to uncertainty, disruption, or instability in the rendering
 399 of such services, or detract from the Tampa Bay area and the
 400 state's attractiveness as a center of tourism and commerce. In

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401 making its determination, the Authority shall take evidence or
 402 make findings of fact and establish such policies it deems
 403 necessary. Nothing in this paragraph shall excuse the Authority
 404 from complying with applicable state or local requirements for
 405 competitive selection process or public hearings which may be
 406 required prior to awarding or entering into any contract or
 407 other agreement.

408 (q) Provide for the manual or electronic execution of any
 409 instrument on behalf of the Authority by the signature of the
 410 Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, and attested to by the
 411 Secretary or the Assistant Secretary or, if delegated by the
 412 members to do so, the Chief Executive Officer or any other
 413 Authority personnel to whom the Chief Executive Officer has
 414 delegated authority, or by their electronic or facsimile
 415 signature in accordance with the Uniform Facsimile Signature of
 416 Public Officials Act.

417 (r) Purchase, lease, and sell equipment, supplies, and
 418 services required for its purposes.

419 (s) Sell, lease, transfer, dispose of, or grant a lesser
 420 interest in any of its properties.

421 (t) Dispose of tangible personal property in accordance
 422 with chapter 274, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time
 423 to time.

424 (u) Dispose of personal property, derelict or abandoned
 425 aircraft, and derelict or abandoned motor vehicles found on

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426 airport premises in accordance with chapter 705, Florida
 427 Statutes, as may be amended from time to time.

428 (v) Grant concessions.

429 (w) Advertise, promote, and encourage the use and
 430 expansion of facilities under its jurisdiction.

431 (x) Enact airport zoning regulations in accordance with
 432 chapter 333, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to
 433 time, to ensure the safe operation of airports under its
 434 jurisdiction; however, any such airport zoning regulations may
 435 not affect the zoning use regulations imposed by the County or
 436 any municipality.

437 (y) Issue a written permit, before the County or any
 438 municipality issues a building permit, that any construction
 439 proposed on land affected by airport zoning regulations conforms
 440 to airport zoning regulations upon payment of a reasonable
 441 permit fee set at the discretion of the Airport Zoning Director.

442 (z) Acquire, own, construct, install, maintain, and
 443 operate lands, interest in lands, and Authority facilities by
 444 purchase, gift, devise, lease, or any other means, including by
 445 eminent domain in accordance with chapters 73 and 74, Florida
 446 Statutes, as may be amended from time to time. For the purposes
 447 of making surveys and examinations relative to any condemnation
 448 proceedings, or to investigate compliance with federal, state,
 449 or local height zoning regulations, the Authority may lawfully
 450 enter upon any land, doing no unnecessary damage. The Authority

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451 may take possession of property to be acquired by condemnation
 452 at any time after the filing of the petition describing the same
 453 in condemnation proceedings as provided in general law. The
 454 Authority is not precluded from abandoning the condemnation of
 455 any such property in any case where possession has not been
 456 taken.

457 (aa) Reimburse the owner of any structure for which the
 458 Authority may require removal, relocation, or reconstruction
 459 located in, on, under, or across any private property, public
 460 street, highway, or other public or private places for the
 461 estimated or actual expense of the removal, relocation, or
 462 reconstruction.

463 (bb) Supplement and coordinate in design and operation air
 464 navigation facilities with those established and operated by the
 465 federal and state governments.

466 (cc) Request the County or any municipality to convey to
 467 the Authority the fee simple title to any airport or other
 468 property owned by the County or any municipality and needed for
 469 airport purposes.

470 (dd) Relinquish jurisdiction, control, supervision, and
 471 management over any airport or part of any airport which is
 472 under its jurisdiction but which is owned by a municipality,
 473 county, or other governmental agency, upon determining that any
 474 such airport or part of any such airport is no longer required
 475 for airport purposes; provided, however, that necessary

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476 authorizations or approvals are received from federal agencies
 477 regulating airports.

478 (ee) Expend revenues for the cost of investigating,
 479 surveying, planning, acquiring, advertising, establishing,
 480 constructing, enlarging, improving, equipping, and erecting
 481 Authority facilities by appropriation of revenues or wholly or
 482 partly from the proceeds of bonds of the Authority. The term
 483 "cost" includes awards in condemnation proceedings, rentals
 484 where an acquisition is by lease, and amounts paid to utility
 485 companies for relocation of their wires, poles, and other
 486 facilities.

487 (ff) Incur expenses as provided in its annual budget and
 488 any amended budget.

489 (gg) Assess against and collect from the owner or operator
 490 of each airplane using any Authority facility a landing fee or
 491 service charge sufficient to cover the cost of the service
 492 furnished to airplanes using any such facility, which cost may
 493 include the liquidation of bonds or other indebtedness for
 494 construction and improvement.

495 (hh) Accept federal, state, and any other public or
 496 private moneys, grants, contributions, or loans for the
 497 acquisition, construction, enlargement, improvement,
 498 maintenance, equipment, or operation of Authority facilities, or
 499 any other lawful purpose.

500 (ii) Fix, alter, revise, charge, establish, and collect

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501 rates, fees, rentals, and other charges, such as, but not
 502 limited to, customer facility charges and transportation
 503 facility charges, for the services of Authority facilities at
 504 reasonable and uniform rates.

505 (jj) Adopt a resolution as may be required to levy an ad
 506 valorem tax and submit it to the Board.

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

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

511 (mm) By resolution, fix and enforce penalties, including,
 512 but not limited to, the imposition of sanctions and fines, for
 513 the violation of this act or any rule, regulation, or policy
 514 adopted in accordance with this act or in the regulation of the
 515 airports under the Authority's control.

516 (nn) Amend the budget after its adoption.

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

519 (pp) Designate one or more depositories which are
 520 qualified as public depositories pursuant to section 280.04,
 521 Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, and
 522 thereafter establish and open an account or accounts into which
 523 revenues collected are to be deposited and from which
 524 expenditures may be made.

525 (qq) Establish and deposit into and expend moneys from a

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526 surplus fund by using funds other than those derived from ad
 527 valorem taxation, that may remain unexpended at the end of the
 528 fiscal year and may be set aside in a separate fund and
 529 accumulated and expended from year to year solely for the
 530 purpose of building and constructing permanent improvements,
 531 replacements, alterations, buildings, and other structures,
 532 including runways, taxi strips, and aprons.

533 (rr) By resolution, borrow money and issue bonds in the
 534 manner and within the limitation, except as otherwise provided
 535 in this act, prescribed by general law for the issuance and
 536 authorization of bonds; however, any bonds issued by the
 537 Authority shall be self-liquidating or otherwise payable from
 538 revenues of the Authority and shall not be a lien against the
 539 general taxing powers of the County or any municipality.

540 (ss) Enter into any deeds of trust, indentures, or other
 541 agreements with any bank or trust company as security for its
 542 bonds, and assign and pledge any or all of its revenues. Such
 543 deeds of trust, indentures, or other agreements may contain
 544 provisions customary in such instruments or as authorized by the
 545 Authority.

546 (tt) Secure the payment of bonds or any part thereof by
 547 pledging all or any part of its revenues and provide for the
 548 security of said bonds and the rights and remedies of the
 549 bondholders.

550 (uu) Apply for and hold trademarks or service marks.

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551 (vv) Apply to the proper authorities of the United States
 552 for the right to establish, operate, and maintain foreign and
 553 domestic trade zones within the limits of the airport and
 554 establish, operate, and maintain such foreign and domestic trade
 555 zones.

556 (ww) Solicit air carriers, shipping lines, intermodal or
 557 common carriers, and other businesses and do all things
 558 necessary or advisable, including, but not limited to,
 559 establishing an air service incentive program, to promote
 560 commerce and increase passenger traffic and freight tonnage
 561 through the airports operated by the Authority.

562 (xx) Publicize, advertise, promote and make known to the
 563 users, potential users, and public in general the advantages,
 564 facilities, resources, products, attractions, and attributes of
 565 the activities and projects authorized by this act, including,
 566 but not limited to, participating in community organizations
 567 supporting trade, travel, or economic development.

568 (yy) Receive sponsorships and provide sponsorships.

569 (zz) Self-insure, enter into risk management programs, or
 570 purchase liability insurance for whatever coverage it may choose
 571 or any combination thereof.

572 (aaa) Pending the preparation of definitive bonds, issue
 573 certificates or temporary bonds to the purchaser of bonds.

574 (bbb) Transact the business of the Authority and exercise
 575 all powers necessarily incidental to the exercise of the general

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576 and special powers granted in this act and under any other law.
 577 (ccc) Exercise all powers of a local agency granted
 578 pursuant to part II of chapter 159, Florida Statutes, as may be
 579 amended from time to time, and to a governmental unit granted
 580 pursuant to part VII of chapter 159, Florida Statutes, as may be
 581 amended from time to time.
 582 (ddd) Do all acts and things necessary or convenient for
 583 the promotion of its business and the general safety, security,
 584 and welfare of the Authority.
 585 Section 7. Alcoholic beverage licenses.-
 586 (1) Alcoholic beverage licenses, as provided for in
 587 section 561.17, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to
 588 time, shall be issued to the Authority or other governmental
 589 agency operating TPA or general aviation airports as provided in
 590 this section.
 591 (a) Each such beverage license shall be issued upon the
 592 written or printed application for licenses to conduct such
 593 business, made to the Division stating the character of the
 594 business to be engaged in, the address of the building wherein
 595 the establishment sought to be licensed is or will be located,
 596 and the kind of license as defined in chapter 561, Florida
 597 Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, which the
 598 applicant desires. The application shall be in the name of the
 599 Authority or other governmental agency operating TPA or general
 600 aviation airports and when issued shall be issued in the name of

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601 such applicant. The applicant shall pay to the Division the
602 license fees for the kind of license that the applicant desires.

603 (b) Each license is renewable as provided by general law.
604 Each beverage license shall be for the term and subject to the
605 same privileges or renewal as provided in sections 561.26 and
606 561.27, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time.

607 (c) Any business operated under any beverage license shall
608 be operated only by a lessee of the restaurants, lounges, or
609 bars in the airport terminal, administration building, or hotels
610 at the airports to whom the license may be transferred. The
611 Authority or governmental agency operating TPA or general
612 aviation airports and each authorized lessee shall make
613 application to the Division for the transfer of the license to
614 the lessee, and the application shall be approved by the
615 Division if it meets the requirements of law to do so. Upon
616 termination of a lease for any reason, the lessee shall
617 immediately notify the Division to retransfer the beverage
618 licenses to the Authority or the governmental agency operating
619 TPA or general aviation airports. Upon failure of a lessee to
620 notify the Division, the Authority or the governmental agency
621 operating TPA or general aviation airports shall immediately
622 notify the Division in writing to transfer the license back to
623 the Authority or other governmental agency operating TPA or
624 general aviation airports which may then transfer it to another
625 authorized lessee. Thereafter, the beverage license may be

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626 transferred to any new lessee or the restaurants, lounges, or
 627 bars upon the same terms and conditions. Any alcoholic beverage
 628 license issued in accordance with this section is the property
 629 of the Authority or the governmental agency operating TPA or
 630 general aviation airports, subject to transfer as provided by
 631 this act.

632 (2) This section does not preclude persons operating on
 633 property of the Authority from acquiring an alcoholic beverage
 634 license for use on its premises pursuant to general law and the
 635 rules of the Division.

636 Section 8. County and municipal powers and
 637 responsibilities; private ownership transfers.-

638 (1) Each municipality is empowered to appropriate moneys
 639 for acquiring, establishing, constructing, enlarging, improving,
 640 maintaining, equipping, or operating airports and other air
 641 navigation facilities under the provisions of this act, and each
 642 municipality is authorized to appropriate and to raise by
 643 taxation or otherwise moneys to assist in carrying out the
 644 provisions of this act as to airports partly or wholly within
 645 the limits of each municipality.

646 (2) It is lawful for any municipality, and full power and
 647 authority is hereby conferred upon each municipality, to
 648 cooperate and share in the exercise of the powers and
 649 authorities conferred upon the Authority under the provisions of
 650 this act, when mutually agreed upon between any such

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651 municipality and the Authority.

652 (3) (a) The County and each municipality, water control
 653 district, road and bridge district, school district, county,
 654 city, state, or any other political subdivision, board,
 655 department, agency, commission, or individual in, or out of, the
 656 state are authorized to aid and cooperate with the Authority in
 657 carrying out any authorized purpose of the Authority by:

658 1. Entering into cooperation agreements with the Authority
 659 and providing in any such cooperation agreement for the making
 660 of a loan, gift, grant, or contribution to the Authority.

661 2. Granting and conveying to the Authority real or
 662 personal property, of any kind or nature, or any interest
 663 therein.

664 3. Covenanting in any such cooperation agreement made
 665 pursuant to this section to pay all or any part of:

666 a. The costs of operation and maintenance of Authority
 667 facilities from moneys derived from ad valorem taxation or from
 668 any other available funds of the County or a municipality.

669 b. The principal of and interest on any revenue bonds of
 670 the Authority.

671 c. The deposits required to be made into any reserve or
 672 other funds established by the Authority, any indenture, deed of
 673 trust, or other instrument securing said revenue bonds from any
 674 available funds of the County or a municipality other than
 675 moneys derived from ad valorem taxes.

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676 (b) Any cooperation agreement may be made and entered into
 677 containing details, terms, provisions, and conditions as may be
 678 agreed upon.

679 (c) Any cooperation agreement may be made and entered into
 680 for the benefit of the holders of any revenue bonds of the
 681 Authority as well as the parties thereto and is enforceable in
 682 any court of competent jurisdiction by the holders of any such
 683 revenue bonds or of the coupons appertaining thereto.

684 (4) The County and each municipality are authorized and
 685 empowered to convey the fee simple title to any real property
 686 needed for airport purposes and owned by either the County or a
 687 municipality to the Authority.

688 (5) Before the County or any municipality issues a
 689 building permit authorizing building on land affected by airport
 690 zoning regulations, it must obtain a written permit from the
 691 Authority to certify that the construction conforms to the
 692 regulations required by the airport zoning regulations.

693 (6)(a) Any municipality, the County, or any private owner
 694 may, and each is authorized to, sell, lease, lend, grant, or
 695 convey to the Authority any interest in real or personal
 696 property which may be used by the Authority in the construction,
 697 improvement, maintenance, leasing, or operation of Authority
 698 facilities. Any municipality, the County, or any other owner is
 699 additionally authorized to transfer, assign, and set over to the
 700 Authority any contract or contracts which may have been awarded

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701 by said municipality, the County, or said owner for the
 702 construction of Authority facilities not begun or, if begun, not
 703 completed.

704 (b) Any such action by the County or any municipality must
 705 be approved by the governing body of the County or the
 706 municipality expressed by resolution or ordinance.

707 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
 708 section is complete authority for the acquisition by agreement
 709 of airports and other aviation facilities and facilities related
 710 thereto and any portion thereof and no other action is required.

711 Section 9. Bonds.—

712 (1) Bonds may be issued to finance one or more or a
 713 combination of Authority facilities. Subject to any prior rights
 714 of bondholders, proceeds of such bonds may be pledged and used
 715 to pay the cost of the acquisition, construction, or improvement
 716 of one or more or a combination of Authority facilities or to
 717 refund bonds previously issued for such purpose. Revenues of the
 718 Authority, regardless of the airport project or other source
 719 from which they are derived, may be pledged to pay bonds issued
 720 to finance the cost of Authority facilities and to pay refunding
 721 bonds and ancillary costs associated with such financings.

722 (2) Except as otherwise provided by this act, security,
 723 payment provisions, contracts, terms, and other attributes of
 724 bonds issued by the Authority shall be specified by the
 725 Authority by initial or amendatory resolution, trust agreement,

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726 or other bond documentation.

727 (3) The bonds shall be executed by manual or facsimile
 728 signature by the officers the Authority has designated, provided
 729 that such bonds bear at least one signature which is manually
 730 executed to the extent required by general law. Any coupons
 731 attached to the bonds shall bear the facsimile signature or
 732 signatures of the officer or officers designated by the
 733 Authority. If any member or officer whose manual or facsimile
 734 signature appears on any bond or coupon ceases to be a member or
 735 an officer before the delivery of the bonds, such signature
 736 shall be valid and sufficient for all purposes as if that member
 737 or officer had remained in office until delivery. The bonds may
 738 bear the seal of the Authority affixed, which may be a
 739 facsimile, as provided by resolution.

740 (4) Bonds may be sold either at public or private sale at
 741 such price or prices determined by the Authority.

742 (5) Any bonds issued pursuant to this act are negotiable
 743 instruments and investment securities under chapter 678, Florida
 744 Statutes, as may be amended from time to time.

745 (6) The pledge by the Authority of its revenues to the
 746 payment of its bonds by the terms of a resolution or through any
 747 deed of trust, indenture, or other agreement creates a valid and
 748 binding lien thereon and a prior perfected security interest
 749 therein from the time the pledge is made. Any revenues so
 750 pledged are immediately subject to a lien of such pledge without

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751 any physical delivery thereof or further act, and the lien of
 752 any such pledge shall be valid and binding against all parties
 753 having claims of any kind against the Authority, irrespective of
 754 whether such parties have notice thereof. No resolution, deed of
 755 trust, indenture, or other agreement by which a pledge is
 756 created need be filed or recorded, except in the records of the
 757 Authority, and notice is not required to be given to any obligor
 758 of such revenues. No filings under the Florida Uniform
 759 Commercial Code are required in order to perfect any pledge
 760 granted.

761 (7) No approval of the qualified electors or qualified
 762 freeholders of the state or of the County may be required for
 763 the issuance of any bonds by the Authority unless such approval
 764 is required by the provisions of the Constitution of the State
 765 of Florida.

766 (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, bonds
 767 issued by the Authority are legal investments for banks, savings
 768 banks, trustees, executors, all other fiduciaries, and all
 769 state, municipal, and other public funds. Any such bonds are
 770 securities eligible for deposit for the securing of all state,
 771 municipal, and other public funds.

772 Section 10. Bondholder rights and remedies.—

773 (1) Unless otherwise provided in any instrument pursuant
 774 to which such bonds were issued, the Authority may not do
 775 anything that will impair the security of the bondholders of the

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776 Authority or violate any agreement with them for their benefit.
 777 (2)(a) In addition to any other rights and remedies
 778 lawfully granted to bondholders in law, unless otherwise
 779 provided in any instrument pursuant to which such bonds were
 780 issued, holders of 25 percent or such other percentage as may be
 781 specified in any deed of trust, indenture, or other agreement
 782 under which the bonds were issued in the aggregate principal
 783 amount of the bonds then outstanding are entitled to appoint a
 784 trustee, upon notice as provided in this act and for the purpose
 785 provided in this act, if the Authority defaults in the payment
 786 of principal or interest for a period of 30 days after either
 787 becomes due, whether at maturity or upon call for redemption, or
 788 if the Authority fails to comply with the provisions of this
 789 act, its resolution or resolutions, or the requirements of any
 790 deed of trust, indenture, or other agreement under which the
 791 bonds were issued. Any such bondholders must first give written
 792 notice of their intention to appoint a trustee to the Authority
 793 by certified United States mail addressed to the chairperson of
 794 the Authority at the principal office of the Authority and to
 795 the holders of all other bonds then outstanding at their
 796 addresses shown on the registration books maintained by the
 797 Authority or the bond registrar. For purposes of this paragraph,
 798 any trustee appointed to serve in that capacity pursuant to a
 799 deed of trust, trust agreement, indenture, or other document by
 800 which bonds of the Authority have been issued is deemed to have

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801 been selected by the holders of bonds issued under that
 802 instrument. If more than one trustee is designated, either by
 803 two or more written instruments or pursuant to the provisions of
 804 this paragraph, the group of bondholders owning the highest
 805 percentage of bonds outstanding has the right to designate the
 806 single trustee to serve in that capacity for purposes of this
 807 act.

808 (b) Unless otherwise provided in any instrument pursuant
 809 to which such bonds were issued, any trustee, whether appointed
 810 by bondholders in accordance with the provisions of this act or
 811 in accordance with the terms of any deed of trust, indenture, or
 812 other agreement, may, upon written request of the holders of 25
 813 percent or such other percentage as may be specified in any deed
 814 of trust, indenture, or other agreement under which the bonds
 815 were issued in the aggregate principal amount of the bonds then
 816 outstanding may, in any court of competent jurisdiction, in his,
 817 her, or its own name:

818 1. By mandamus or other suit, action, or proceeding at law
 819 or in equity, enforce all rights of the bondholders, including
 820 the right to require the Authority to fix, establish, maintain,
 821 collect, and charge rates, fees, rentals, and other charges
 822 adequate to carry out any agreement as to, or pledge of, the
 823 revenues of the Authority, and to require the Authority to carry
 824 out any other agreements with or for the benefit of the
 825 bondholders, and to perform its and their duties under this act.

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826 2. Bring suit upon the bonds.

827 3. By action or suit in equity, require the Authority to
 828 account as if it were the trustee of an express trust for the
 829 bondholders.

830 4. By action or suit in equity, enjoin any acts or things
 831 which may be unlawful or in violation of the rights of the
 832 bondholders.

833 5. By written notice given in the same manner as provided
 834 by this act to the Authority declare all bonds due and payable
 835 and, if all defaults are made good and with the consent of the
 836 holders of 25 percent or such other percentage as may be
 837 specified in any deed of trust, indenture, or other agreement
 838 under which the bonds were issued in the aggregate principal
 839 amount of the bonds then outstanding, annul such declaration and
 840 its consequences.

841 (3) Unless otherwise provided in any instrument pursuant
 842 to which such bonds were issued, if a default continues for more
 843 than 60 days after written notice to the Authority, any trustee
 844 when appointed as aforesaid, or acting under a deed of trust,
 845 indenture, or other agreement, and whether or not all bonds have
 846 been declared due and payable, upon the happening of any of the
 847 events of default specified in this section, shall be entitled
 848 as of right to appoint a receiver. The receiver may enter and
 849 take possession of any of the Authority facilities for which the
 850 Authority is in default as provided herein, or any part or parts

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851 thereof and the revenues which are or may be applicable to the
 852 payment of the bonds in default and operate and maintain the
 853 same, for and on behalf of and in the name of the Authority and
 854 the bondholders. The receiver shall collect revenues in the same
 855 manner as the Authority might, and shall use and apply such
 856 funds in accordance with the applicable bond documents or, if
 857 not so specified into a separate account, as directed by the
 858 court.

859 (4) Unless otherwise provided in any instrument pursuant
 860 to which such bonds were issued, nothing in this section or any
 861 other section of this act authorizes any receiver appointed to
 862 sell, assign, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any assets of
 863 the Authority. The powers of such receiver are limited to the
 864 operation and maintenance of the Authority facilities as the
 865 court may direct, in the name of and for and on behalf of the
 866 Authority and the bondholders. No holder of bonds or any court
 867 or any trustee is empowered by this act to sell, assign,
 868 mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any assets of whatever kind or
 869 character belonging to the Authority.

870 Section 11. Award of contracts.-

871 (1) (a) All Authority purchases of construction,
 872 improvements, repairs, equipment, supplies, materials, services,
 873 or work of any nature, where the entire cost or value exceeds
 874 \$100,000, shall be done only under contract or contracts
 875 approved and awarded by the Authority utilizing a competitive

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876 selection process with a responsive, qualified, and responsible
 877 bidder, respondent, or proposer, upon proper terms, after
 878 advertisement or notice has been given asking for competitive
 879 bids, responses, or proposals, provided that the Authority may
 880 reject any and all bids, responses, or proposals.

881 (b) These requirements do not apply to:

882 1. Purchases made pursuant to the Consultants' Competitive
 883 Negotiation Act;

884 2. Purchases of required equipment, supplies, materials,
 885 or services that are highly specialized or proprietary, or when
 886 no other authorized vendor can supply the required equipment,
 887 supplies, materials, or services;

888 3. Purchases of equipment, supplies, materials, or
 889 services utilizing the Authority standardization program or the
 890 owner's direct purchase program, or utilizing proof of concepts,
 891 to evaluate viability of products before purchase;

892 4. Purchases of unique equipment, supplies, materials, or
 893 services supporting law enforcement and aircraft rescue and
 894 firefighting;

895 5. Purchases of unique equipment, supplies, materials or
 896 services, including, but not limited to, subscriptions, dues,
 897 memberships, sponsorships, trainings, advertisings, and
 898 entertainers;

899 6. Purchases of equipment, supplies, materials, or
 900 services through a contract issued by a federal, state, or local

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901 government if such contract was procured using a full and open
 902 competitive process;

903 7. Emergency purchases necessary to mitigate a situation
 904 which threatens the safety of employees or passengers, the
 905 operation of the airport, or loss of airport property;

906 8. Certain recurring, mandatory, day-to-day expenditures
 907 such as utilities, government fees, and taxes;

908 9. Work performed by employees of the Authority;

909 10. Labor supplied by the federal, state, or local
 910 government;

911 11. Contracts or establishment and compliance with rules
 912 concerning labor and materials and other related matters in
 913 connection with any project, or portion thereof, as the
 914 Authority may deem desirable or as may be requested by the
 915 federal or state government assisting in the financing of
 916 Authority facilities;

917 12. Any situation in which the Authority has taken over by
 918 transfer or assignment any contract authorized to be assigned to
 919 it under the provisions relating to the transfer of existing
 920 facilities to the Authority as provided by this act;

921 13. Any contract in connection with the construction of
 922 Authority facilities which the Authority has had transferred to
 923 it; and

924 14. Any contract or agreement between the Authority and
 925 any engineers, architects, attorneys, agents, or other

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926 professional services.

927 (c) Any contract subject to section 255.05, Florida
 928 Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, in excess of
 929 \$50,000 shall not be entered into for construction, improvement,
 930 or repair of Authority facilities unless the contractor has
 931 sufficient surety or sureties, approved by the Authority, and in
 932 an amount fixed by the Authority, for the faithful performance
 933 of the contract. Any such contract shall include provisions that
 934 the person entering into the contract with the Authority will
 935 pay for all materials furnished and services rendered for the
 936 performance of the contract and may maintain an action to
 937 recover for the same against the obligor in the undertaking, as
 938 though such person was named therein, provided the action is
 939 brought within 1 year after the time the cause of action
 940 accrued. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the
 941 power of the Authority to construct, repair, or improve
 942 Authority facilities or any addition, betterment, or extension
 943 thereto, directly by the officers, agents, and employees of the
 944 Authority, or otherwise than by contract.

945 (2) The Authority may use, as an alternative, the
 946 provisions of section 255.20, Florida Statutes, as may be
 947 amended from time to time, to satisfy the competitive
 948 procurement requirements of this section.

949 Section 12. Legal effects.—Any acquisition of property or
 950 rights therein for Authority facilities, or for airport

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951 protection privileges, including the conveyance and acceptance
 952 thereof, and any bonds issued and sold up to and including the
 953 effective date of this act are validated.

954 Section 13. Ad valorem tax.—When the Authority prepares
 955 its annual budget and finds it necessary to levy an ad valorem
 956 tax, it shall adopt a resolution determining the estimated
 957 amounts to be expended by the Authority in the ensuing fiscal
 958 year, exclusive of the proceeds of any bonds or other
 959 obligations of the Authority, for acquiring, establishing,
 960 constructing, enlarging, operating, and maintaining Authority
 961 facilities or for any other corporate purpose of the Authority,
 962 and request the Board to levy the tax, not to exceed 1.5 mills
 963 per annum, on all the taxable real and personal property in the
 964 County for the exclusive use of the Authority and for the
 965 purposes provided in this section. The Authority shall submit a
 966 certified copy of any such resolution to the Board at the same
 967 time it submits its annual budget to the Clerk. The Board has no
 968 right or authority to alter either the amount of the levy
 969 request or the use of its proceeds or to in any way alter the
 970 budget of the Authority. The Board shall authorize the levy
 971 requested. The tax collector of the County shall collect and
 972 promptly pay over to the Authority the proceeds of such tax.

973 Section 14. Prohibition on the use of the taxing power of
 974 the state.—The Authority has no power to pledge the taxing power
 975 of the state, or any political subdivision or agency thereof,

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976 | nor shall any of the obligations issued by the Authority be
 977 | deemed to be obligations of the state, or any political
 978 | subdivision or agency thereof, secured by and payable from the
 979 | ad valorem taxes thereof. The state, or any political
 980 | subdivision or agency thereof, is not liable for the payment of
 981 | principal of or interest on such obligations, except from the
 982 | special funds provided for in this act.

983 | Section 15. Covenant of the state.—The state pledges and
 984 | agrees with the Federal Government and any person acquiring any
 985 | bonds issued by the Authority for the construction, extension,
 986 | improvement, or enlargement of Authority facilities that the
 987 | state will not limit or alter the rights vested in the Authority
 988 | until all bonds at any time issued, together with the interest
 989 | thereon, are fully paid and discharged. The state further
 990 | pledges and agrees with the Federal Government that if the
 991 | Federal Government contributes any funds for the construction,
 992 | extension, improvement, or enlargement of Authority facilities
 993 | the state will not alter or limit the rights and powers of the
 994 | Authority in any manner which would be inconsistent with the
 995 | continued maintenance, operation, or the improvement of
 996 | Authority facilities or which would be inconsistent with the due
 997 | performance of any agreements between the Authority and the
 998 | Federal Government. The Authority shall continue to have and may
 999 | exercise all powers granted in this act, so long as the same are
 1000 | necessary or desirable for the carrying out of the purposes of

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1001 this act and the purposes of the Federal Government in the
 1002 construction, improvement, maintenance, or enlargement of
 1003 Authority facilities.

1004 Section 16. Exemption from taxation.—Any property owned or
 1005 otherwise acquired by the Authority is exempt from taxation to
 1006 the same extent as other property used for public or
 1007 governmental purposes or functions. The effectuation of the
 1008 authorized purposes of the Authority shall and will be, in all
 1009 respects, for the benefit of the people of the state and the
 1010 County for the increase of their commerce and prosperity, and
 1011 for the improvement of their safety, security, welfare, health,
 1012 and living conditions and, since the Authority will be
 1013 performing essential governmental, municipal, or public purposes
 1014 or functions in effectuating such purposes, the Authority is not
 1015 required to pay any taxes or assessments of any kind or nature
 1016 whatsoever upon any property required or used by it for such
 1017 purposes, or any rates, fees, rentals, receipts, or incomes at
 1018 any time received by it, and the bonds issued by the Authority,
 1019 their transfer and the income therefrom, including any profits
 1020 made in the sale thereof, and any security instruments or
 1021 agreements securing the repayment thereof, are free from
 1022 taxation of any kind by the state or any political subdivision
 1023 or taxing agency or instrumentality thereof.

1024 Section 17. Discrimination prohibited.—

1025 (1) (a) The Authority and its lessees, including successors

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1026 in interest, shall not because of race, color, sex, religion,
 1027 national origin, age, disability, or marital status of any
 1028 individual refuse to hire, employ, bar, or discharge from
 1029 employment such individual or otherwise discriminate against
 1030 such individual with respect to compensation, hire, tenure,
 1031 terms, conditions, or privileges of employment.

1032 (b) No person on the grounds of race, color, sex,
 1033 religion, national origin, age, disability, or marital status
 1034 shall be excluded from the participation in, denied the benefits
 1035 of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of
 1036 leased premises of the Authority.

1037 (c) In furnishing services or materials, or in the
 1038 construction of any improvements, no person shall be excluded
 1039 from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise
 1040 subjected to discrimination with respect thereto.

1041 (2) There is no right to apply to the court for relief on
 1042 account of any order, requirement, decision, determination, or
 1043 action of the Authority pursuant to this section unless there
 1044 has been an appeal to the Authority.

1045 Section 18. Recodification.—Prior to October 1, 2032, and
 1046 every 10 years thereafter, The Hillsborough County Legislative
 1047 Delegation shall review this chapter, and all acts which amend
 1048 or otherwise modify this chapter, for the purpose of determining
 1049 whether there is a need for recodification of same. If it is
 1050 determined that there is such a need, the legislative delegation

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1051 may require the Authority to accomplish same, and to prepare or
 1052 cause to be prepared such legislation as may be necessary for
 1053 such purpose by preparing such legislation.

1054 Section 19. Grammatical usage.—The singular includes the
 1055 plural and vice versa, and gender-specific language includes the
 1056 other gender and neuter.

1057 Section 20. Severability.—The provisions of this act are
 1058 severable, and if any of the provisions hereof shall be held to
 1059 be unconstitutional or invalid, such determination shall not
 1060 affect the constitutionality or validity of any of the remaining
 1061 provisions of this act.

1062 Section 4. Chapters 2012-234 and 2014-250, Laws of
 1063 Florida, are repealed. Such repeal does not affect the
 1064 prosecution of any cause of action that accrued before the
 1065 effective date of the repeal and does not affect rules,
 1066 regulations, policies, actions, and decisions, contracts,
 1067 agreements, obligations, and properties of the Authority
 1068 existing prior to the effective date of this act. Nothing in
 1069 this act is intended, nor shall any provision hereof be
 1070 construed so as to repeal, abrogate, impair, or adversely affect
 1071 the rights and remedies of the holders of any obligations of the
 1072 Authority issued pursuant to the existing acts or any other
 1073 applicable provision of law.

1074 Section 5. This act shall take effect October 1, 2022.