

House Bill 7EX2

By: Representatives Connell of the 115th, Howard of the 118th, Anderson of the 116th, DeLoach of the 119th, Allen of the 117th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Augusta Canal Authority, approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4750), as amended by an Act approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3890), so as to amend the definition of the term "project" and to clarify the purpose of the authority relative to acquiring, constructing, developing, owning, leasing, selling, and operating buildings and related facilities, including without limitation hydroelectric generating facilities; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the Augusta Canal Authority, approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4750), as amended by an Act approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3890), is amended by striking paragraph (5) of Section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

"(5) 'Project' means any undertaking of the authority in connection with the revitalization and development of Augusta, Georgia, within a project area, and shall be declared to include the creation of parks and recreation areas; buildings to be constructed and used for the housing of exhibits, exhibition purposes, amusement, or educational purposes, or any combination of the above; public parking areas and public parking buildings; causeways, tunnels, viaducts, bridges, and other crossings; thoroughfares, parkways, and any avenue of traffic; buildings and related facilities, including without limitation hydroelectric generating facilities and equipment using water from the Augusta Canal, used or to be used in economic development or the creation or preservation of jobs, or both, including without limitation the location of new buildings and facilities, or the preservation of existing buildings and facilities in the project area; and all other buildings, structures, or facilities useful and desirable in connection therewith, extension and improvements of such facilities, and the acquisition of the necessary property therefor, both real and personal, in order to accomplish the essential public purpose for which the authority is created."

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SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

"(a) It is determined, declared, and established that the purpose of the authority is to promote the revitalization and development of Augusta, Georgia, through the creation in the project areas of parks, recreation areas, and through the acquisition, construction, development, owning, leasing, sale, or operation of new or existing buildings and related facilities, including without limitation hydroelectric generating facilities and equipment using water from the Augusta Canal, and all other facilities useful or desirable in connection therewith. The creation of such areas is intended to develop and promote for the public good and general welfare trade, tourism, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities and to promote the general welfare of this state by creating a climate favorable to the location of new industry, trade, and commerce and the development of existing industry, trade, commerce, and tourism opportunities within Augusta, Georgia."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.