

2008-09 Executive Budget
21-Day AMENDMENTS
February 12, 2008

**Amendments to Senate S6809; Assembly A9809
(Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation
Article VII Bill)**

Part B, relating to expanding the purpose for which the environmental protection fund can be used, is amended to:

- Change the name of the new Farmland Protection Account to the Agricultural Stewardship Account.
- Broaden the purposes for which Natural Resource Damages funding can be used.
- Reflect current law regarding the New York Invasive Species Council.
- Increase the General Fund guarantee provision to reflect an additional \$25 million transfer from the Environmental Protection Fund to the General Fund.

Part F, relating to the disqualifications of commercial driver's license holders, is amended to:

- Make technical corrections to restore omitted text in order to ensure compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act.

Part K, relating to consolidated local highway aid, is amended to:

- Make technical corrections.

Part X, relating to increasing the maximum penalties for insurance law violations, is amended to:

- Make technical corrections.

Part Z, relating to establishing a housing opportunity fund, is amended to:

- Make technical corrections related to the proposed Housing Opportunity Fund. The bill should state that \$100 million for upstate housing efforts will come from the Project Pool Insurance Account, rather than the Single Family Pool Insurance.

Part BB, relating to appropriating funds to the New York state urban development corporation in relation to the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, is amended to:

- Amend the definition of "expansion project" to allow for renovations and/or expansion of the existing facility.

- Add the definition "south parcel" to define an area south of the existing facility and owned by the convention center, but currently unused.
- Add the definition "north parcel" to define an area north of the existing facility and owned by the convention center, but currently unused.
- Provide that the first \$300 million from the sale of the south or north parcel will be transferred to the State of New York Mortgage Agency to be used for the Housing Opportunity Fund. Also provide that any proceeds over \$300 million can be transferred to the Empire State Development Corporation for Governor's Island, the Hudson River Park and commuter transportation improvements.