

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

**SESSION LAW 2005-290
HOUSE BILL 819**

**AN ACT ALLOWING REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT TO ACQUIRE
REAL PROPERTY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-475 reads as rewritten:

"§ 160A-475. Specific powers of council.

The charter may confer on the regional council any of the following powers:

- (1) To apply for, accept, receive, and dispense funds and grants made available to it by the State of North Carolina or any agency thereof, the United States of America or any agency thereof, any unit of local government (whether or not a member of the council), and any private or civic ~~agency;~~ agency.
- (2) To employ ~~personnel;~~ personnel.
- (3) To contract with ~~consultants;~~ consultants.
- (4) To contract with the State of North Carolina, any other state, the United States of America, or any agency thereof, for ~~services;~~ services.
- (5) To study regional governmental problems, including matters affecting health, safety, welfare, education, recreation, economic conditions, regional planning, and regional ~~development;~~ development.
- (6) To promote cooperative arrangements and coordinated action among its member ~~governments;~~ governments.
- (7) To make recommendations for review and action to its member governments and other public agencies which perform functions within the region in which its member governments are ~~located;~~ located.
- (7a) For the purpose of meeting the regional council's office space and program needs, to acquire real property by purchase, gift, or otherwise, and to improve that property. A regional council may not exercise the power of eminent domain.
- (8) Any other powers that are exercised or capable of exercise by its member governments and desirable for dealing with problems of mutual concern to the extent such powers are specifically delegated to it from time to time by resolution of the governing board of each of its member governments which are affected thereby, provided, that no regional council of governments shall have the authority to construct or purchase buildings, or acquire title to real property, except for the purposes permitted under subdivision (7a) of this section or in order to exercise the authority granted by Chapter 260 of the Session Laws of 1979."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 11th day of August, 2005.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 2:52 p.m. this 22nd day of August, 2005