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HOUSE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{A} " to S.P. 917, L.D. 2291, Bill, "AN ACT Providing for the Lease of Unused Space or Facilities Owned by the State."

Amend the bill in section 1, in that part designated " $\underline{\$1783}$." in subsection 4, paragraph B, in subparagraph (4), in the last line (page 4, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined word "years" the following: ', except when the director, with the approval of the commissioner or director of the agency of jurisdiction, finds that a longer term lease will accrue benefit to the State'

STATEMENT OF FACT

There are circumstances where long-term agreements between state agencies and nonstate agencies accrue substantial benefits to the State. Such benefits may be most clearly demonstrated in "private" investment in improvements to state facilities and the provision of services to the State and its citizens where such services might not otherwise be available. Short-term leases do not encourage or provide for such benefits to the State. The amendment accommodates the 2-year guideline while providing that the Director of the Eureau of Public Improvements may approve longer leases where clear benefit to the State has been demonstrated.

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