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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 269

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Two-thirds of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

Section 1. Amend Chapter 87, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

Subchapter III. Riverfront Development Corporation of Delaware.

§ 8791. Creation; purpose.

(a) The Riverfront Development Corporation is created by Volume 70, Chapter 210 of the Laws of Delaware.

(b) The Riverfront Development Corporation's purpose is to promote the common good of the citizens of this State through the planning, development, and management of programs and projects intended to foster, encourage, and promote recreational, residential, commercial, and industrial development and redevelopment along or in proximity to the Brandywine and Christina Rivers, as recommended in the report of the Governor's Task Force on the Future of the Brandywine and Christina Rivers, "A Vision for the Rivers" (1994).

§ 8792. Board of Directors of the Riverfront Development Corporation of Delaware; membership; chair; quorum.

(a) The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Riverfront Development Corporation consists of 21 directors, as follows:

(1) The following 8 directors who serve by virtue of their position:

a. The Governor, or a designee appointed by the Governor.

b. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or a designee appointed by the Pro Tempore.

c. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or a designee appointed by the Speaker.

d. The Senate Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Improvement, or a designee appointed by the Senate Co-Chair.

e. The House of Representatives Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Improvement, or a designee appointed by the House of Representatives Co-Chair.

22 f. The New Castle County Executive.

23 g. The Mayor of the City of Wilmington.

24 h. The President of the City of Wilmington Council.

25 (2) 8 directors appointed by the Governor. The directors appointed by the Governor must have experience in
26 economic development. The Governor shall appoint 1 of the directors appointed by the Governor to serve as Chair of
27 the Board.

28 (3) 1 director appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

29 (4) 1 director appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

30 (5) 1 director appointed by the Mayor of the City of Wilmington. The director appointed by the Mayor must
31 be selected from among private citizens who are active in the non-profit community or residential organizations in the
32 City of Wilmington.

33 (6) 2 directors elected by a majority of the Board.

34 (b) An appointed director of the Board serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

35 (c) All of the following apply to directors elected by the Board under paragraph (a)(6) of this section:

36 (1) A director who has served for a full term of 4 years may be reelected for only 1 additional term.

37 (2) A director who misses 3 consecutive meetings may be assumed to have resigned. The Board may accept a
38 resignation and elect a new director.

39 (3) A director may be removed by the Board for misfeasance, nonfeasance, or malfeasance.

40 (d) If the Board establishes a community advisory board, the director appointed by the Mayor of the City of
41 Wilmington must be the chair of the community advisory board.

42 (e) A majority of the Board constitutes a quorum.

SYNOPSIS

The Riverfront Development Corporation was created by epilogue language in the Fiscal Year 1997 Bond Bill. The Board of Directors of the Riverfront Development Corporation is established by at least three separate provisions of Bond Bill epilogue language in Senate Bill No. 260 of the 138th General Assembly (70 Del. Laws, c. 210, § 41), House Bill No. 467 of the 139th General Assembly (71 Del. Laws, c. 227, § 8), and House Bill No. 550 of the 142nd General Assembly (74 Del. Laws, c. 308, § 40).

This Act codifies the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Riverfront Development Corporation so that this information may more easily be located in the future.

This Act also makes a change to the membership of the Board to add 2 directors to the Board. The 2 new directors will be elected by and serve at the pleasure of the Board.

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