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An act relating to the Sanford Airport Authority, Seminole County; amending chapter 71-924, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2005-306, Laws of Florida; revising the authorized term for which the authority may enter into exclusive or nonexclusive contracts, leases, franchises, or other arrangements with any person; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 11 of chapter 71-924, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2005-306, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 11. Powers.—The Sanford Airport Authority shall have the following powers:

(4) To acquire property, real and personal, for the purpose of establishing, constructing, enlarging, managing, and operating airports, runways, navigational facilities, buildings, structures, industrial parks, passenger terminals, fuel storage facilities, roadways, taxiways, utility systems, and all other facilities and improvements necessary or desirable for the servicing of aircraft, the comfort and accommodation of air travelers, and the operation of said airport facilities for both foreign and domestic air transportation.

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26 (a) The authority may acquire by the power of eminent
27 domain land and the improvements thereon only for public airport
28 purposes in the manner provided by chapters 73 and 74, Florida
29 Statutes, and other applicable laws. In addition to acquiring
30 land for airport purposes by eminent domain, the authority may
31 also acquire land and other property for airport purposes by
32 grant, donation, purchase, or lease in the manner otherwise
33 provided in this act for other projects.

34 (b) The authority may establish such rates, charges, and
35 user fees for use of airports and airport facilities as the
36 authority deems necessary.

37 (c) The authority may also construct or provide for the
38 construction of such special purpose facilities as are usually
39 provided for the repair and servicing of aircraft and for the
40 comfort and convenience of the public, including but not limited
41 to fueling equipment and storage, concessions, restaurants, food
42 and beverage facilities, hotels and other lodging facilities,
43 parking lots, and similar facilities. The authority may lease or
44 sell such special purpose facilities to provide operators or
45 concessionaires or such facilities may be operated by the
46 authority in its discretion.

47 (d) In the operation and management of the airports, the
48 authority may employ such managers, supervisors, technicians,
49 and other personnel as may be necessary for the economical and
50 efficient management thereof, and shall have the power to adopt

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51 rules and regulations with reference to all projects and matters
52 under its control. All rules and regulations of the authority
53 shall be a matter of public record, and copies thereof shall be
54 dispensed by the authority at cost to all applicants therefor.

55 (e) In acquiring property from the City of Sanford or from
56 any public agency for airport purposes or in the operation of
57 any airport, the authority shall have full power to contract
58 with the Federal Aviation Authority or any federal agency
59 exercising any function with respect to aviation, air
60 navigation, or air transportation, and the authority shall have
61 full power to abide by all rules and regulations of such federal
62 agencies including the uses to which land may be put and the
63 operation of airports, air navigation facilities, and aircraft.
64 The authority shall further have power to assume any
65 obligations, covenants, or agreements heretofore imposed by any
66 governmental agency by deed, deed restriction or contract on the
67 City of Sanford, or any other governmental agency therein with
68 respect to airports or aviation.

69 (f) The authority in the acquisition, financing and
70 operation of airports and air navigation facilities may exercise
71 the authority and powers provided for cities, counties,
72 villages, or towns of Florida by chapter 332, Florida Statutes,
73 known as the Airport Law of 1945.

74 (g) The authority may advertise and publicize the use of
75 any airport operated by it and may expend its funds for such

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76 | purposes.

77 | (h) The authority shall have full power to finance or
78 | refinance the acquisition or construction of airport projects by
79 | issuing its revenue bonds or other debt obligations in the
80 | manner provided by chapter 332, Florida Statutes, known as the
81 | Airport Law of 1945, or as provided by any other applicable
82 | general law.

83 | (i) The authority may enter into exclusive or nonexclusive
84 | contracts, leases, franchises, or other arrangements with any
85 | person or persons for terms not exceeding 99 ~~50~~ years, granting
86 | the privilege of using or improving any project of the
87 | authority, or any portion thereof of space therein, for
88 | commercial purposes; conferring the privilege of supplying
89 | goods, commodities, things, and services or facilities at such
90 | project or projects; making available services to be furnished
91 | by the authority or its agents at such project; and establishing
92 | the terms and conditions and fixing the charges, rentals, or
93 | fees for such privileges or services so long as such fees or
94 | charges shall not conflict with any applicable rules and
95 | regulations of the Public Service Commission.

96 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.