A BUDGET BILL submitted by the Governor
in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to agree-
ments for fiber optics (Part );

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-

bly, do enact as follows:

PART __

Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 2897 of the public authorities law
is amended by adding a new paragraph f to read as follows:

f. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, disposals
for use of the thruway authority's fiber optic system, or any part ther-
 eof, may be made through agreements based on set fees that shall not
require public auction, provided that:

(i) the thruway authority has determined the disposal of such property
complies with all applicable provisions of this chapter;

(ii) the thruway authority has determined that disposal of such prop-
erty is in the best interest of the thruway authority; and

(iii) the set fees established by the thruway authority for use of the
fiber optic system, or part thereof, shall be based on an independent
appraisal of the fair market value of the property.

Disposals of the fiber optic system, or any part thereof, through
agreements based on set fees shall not require the explanatory state-
ments required by this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.