

M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: New York State Historic Trust  
FROM: Percy Lieberman  
SUBJECT: Historic Trust Legislative Program

This bill will authorize municipalities to acquire property for historic site preservation purposes. Their existing power to do so is in need of clarification.

Enactment of the measure will eliminate a technical problem relating to eligibility of municipalities for grants-in-aid under the Trust program.

Att.

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law,  
in relation to the acquisition of  
historic sites and for the preser-  
vation and restoration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in  
Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The general municipal law is hereby amended  
by inserting therein a new section, to be section ninety-six-b to  
read as follows:

§96-b. Acquisition of historic places, buildings and  
works of art. The governing body of any county, city, town or  
village is hereby empowered to acquire real property or any interest  
therein by purchase, gift, devise or condemnation, for historic  
preservation purposes, and to restore, develop, operate and main-  
tain such real property as a historic site and to take such further  
action as may be appropriate for the public recognition and  
appreciation thereof.

§2. This act shall take effect immediately.