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S 1424. NC TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ACT. TO CREATE A TRAVEL AND TOURISM CAPITAL INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM. Adds new GS 143B-434.4 establishing the Travel and Tourism Capital Incentive Grant Program in Dep't of Commerce. Authorizes Dep't of Commerce to award grants to owners of qualified projects in order to induce creation of new or expansion or renovation of existing travel and tourism projects. Defines "owner" as the unit of local government that will own the project in whole or in part. Sets out conditions project must meet to be "qualified." Conditions include days open per year, new jobs created, local government's participation in financing and ownership of project, impact on the community, and a minimum cost based on the enterprise tier in which it is located (\$1 million in tiers 1 and 2; \$10 million in tiers 3 and 4, and \$20 million in tier 5). Requires applicant to fund feasibility study coordinated and directed by Dep't to determine if project is a qualified project. Provides formula for determining amount of grant based on net sales tax and net privilege tax paid by qualified project. Dep't of Commerce sets grant percentage, but act limits maximum grant as percentage of total project cost by enterprise tier (35% for tiers 1 and 2, 30% for tiers 3 and 4, 25% for tier 5). Limits use of grant funds to capital costs, including debt service. Sets out application process and requires payment of \$2,500 application fee. Amends GS 105-269.16 to require Dep't of Revenue to annually disburse grants under this program. Effective Jan. 1, 2003.

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