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**HOUSE BILL 2218
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Short Title: Modify Ahoskie Occ. Tax & Granville TDA.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN OF AHOSKIE AND TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 2.1(c) of S.L. 2006-164 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 2.1.(c) Distribution and Use of Tax Revenue. – The Town of Ahoskie shall, on a quarterly basis, remit the net proceeds of the occupancy tax to the Town of Ahoskie Tourism Development Authority. The Authority shall use at least two-thirds of the funds remitted to it under this part to promote travel and tourism in the ~~town~~area and shall use the remainder for tourism-related expenditures.

The following definitions apply in this part:

- (1) Net proceeds. – Gross proceeds less the cost to the town of administering and collecting the tax, as determined by the finance officer, not to exceed three percent (3%) of the first five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) of gross proceeds collected each year and one percent (1%) of the remaining gross receipts collected each year.
- (2) Promote travel and tourism. – To advertise or market an area or activity, publish and distribute pamphlets and other materials, conduct market research, or engage in similar promotional activities that attract tourists or business travelers to the area. The term includes administrative expenses incurred in engaging in the listed activities.
- (3) Tourism-related expenditures. – Expenditures that, in the judgment of the Tourism Development Authority, are designed to increase the use of lodging facilities, meeting facilities, or convention facilities in a town or to attract tourists or business travelers to the town. The term includes tourism-related capital expenditures."

SECTION 2.(a) Section 1.1(a) of S.L. 2000-103 reads as rewritten:

"(a) Appointment and Membership.

1 The Board of County Commissioners shall adopt a resolution creating a county
2 Tourism Development Authority, which shall be a public authority under the Local
3 Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The Authority shall be composed of ~~five~~
4 seven members who shall serve for staggered three-year terms. The members shall be
5 appointed as follows:

6 (1) ~~three—Four~~ appointed by the Granville County Board of
7 ~~Commissioners, Commissioners, two of whom must be owners or~~
8 managers of a Granville County hotel or motel and two of whom must
9 be currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the
10 county.

11 (2) ~~one~~ One appointed by the Oxford City ~~Council, and~~ Council.

12 (3) ~~one~~ One appointed by the Creedmoor City Council. ~~One of the three~~
13 ~~members appointed by the Granville County Board of Commissioners~~
14 ~~must be an owner or manager of a Granville County hotel or motel.~~

15 (4) One appointed by the Butner Town Council.

16 The remaining members appointed under subdivisions (2), (3), and (4) of this
17 subsection must be individuals who are currently active in the promotion of travel and
18 tourism in the county. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original
19 appointments, and members appointed to fill vacancies shall serve for the remainder of
20 the unexpired term. The resolution shall determine the compensation, if any, to be paid
21 to the members of the Authority.

22 At the first meeting of each calendar year, the membership of the Authority shall
23 elect one member to serve as chair until the first meeting of the following year. The
24 Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of procedure to govern
25 its meetings. The Finance Officer for Granville County shall be the ex officio finance
26 officer of the Authority."

27 **SECTION 2.(b)** Section 2 of S.L. 2000-103 reads as rewritten:

28 "Section 2. To achieve the staggered terms required on the Granville County
29 Tourism Development Authority, as provided in ~~Section 1~~ Section 1.1 of this act, the
30 initial terms of the members of the Authority shall be as follows: The initial term of the
31 ~~member~~ members who is an owner or manager are owners or managers of a hotel or
32 motel shall be three years. The Granville County Board of Commissioners must
33 designate one of its remaining appointees to serve an initial term of two years and the
34 other to serve an initial term of one year. The member appointed by the Butner Town
35 Council shall serve an initial term of two years. The remaining initial members shall
36 serve terms of three years each. Thereafter, all terms shall be three years."

37 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.