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SENATE BILL 484
Judiciary Committee Substitute Adopted 4/29/25
House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/2/26

Short Title: Clarify Tourism-Related Expenditures.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 26, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPROPRIATE USE OF PROCEEDS OF A ROOM
3 OCCUPANCY TAX THAT MAY BE USED FOR TOURISM-RELATED
4 EXPENDITURES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-215 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 160A-215. Uniform provisions for room occupancy taxes.

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9 (f1) Use. – The proceeds of a room occupancy tax shall not be used as follows:

10 (1) ~~for~~ For development or construction of a hotel or another transient lodging
11 facility.

12 (2) For the proceeds of a room occupancy tax that may be used for tourism-related
13 expenditures, for services ordinarily provided by a city for its residents, or for
14 purposes that are designed for or primarily benefit residents of the city unless
15 explicitly authorized by local act, including all of the following:

16 a. Solid waste collection or disposal.

17 b. Water supply, distribution, or treatment.

18 c. Fire protection.

19 d. Law enforcement, public safety services, or emergency services.

20 e. Affordable housing.

21 f. Education.

22 (g) Applicability. – Subsection (c) of this section applies to all cities that levy an
23 occupancy tax. To the extent subsection (c) conflicts with any provision of a local act, subsection
24 (c) supersedes that provision. Subdivision (2) of subsection (f1) of this section applies to all cities
25 that levy an occupancy tax. The remainder of this section applies only to Beech Mountain District
26 W, to the Cities of Belmont, Burlington, Conover, Eden, Elizabeth City, Gastonia, Goldsboro,
27 Graham, Greensboro, Hickory, High Point, Indian Trail, Jacksonville, Kings Mountain, Lake
28 Santeetlah, Lenoir, Lexington, Lincolnton, Lowell, Lumberton, Mebane, Monroe, Mount Airy,
29 Mount Holly, Reidsville, Roanoke Rapids, Salisbury, Sanford, Shelby, Statesville, Washington,
30 and Wilmington, to the Towns of Ahoskie, Beech Mountain, Benson, Bermuda Run, Blowing
31 Rock, Boiling Springs, Boone, Burgaw, Carolina Beach, Carrboro, Cooleemee, Cramerton,
32 Dallas, Dobson, Elkin, Elon, Fontana Dam, Four Oaks, Franklin, Grover, Hillsborough,
33 Jefferson, Jonesville, Kenly, Kure Beach, Lansing, Leland, McAdenville, Mocksville,
34 Mooresville, Murfreesboro, North Topsail Beach, Pembroke, Pilot Mountain, Ranlo,
35 Robbinsville, Selma, Smithfield, St. James, St. Pauls, Swansboro, Troutman, Tryon, West



1 Jefferson, Wrightsville Beach, Yadkinville, Yanceyville, to the municipalities in Avery and
2 Brunswick Counties, to Clayton District C, Saluda District D, and Stallings District S."

3 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 153A-155 reads as rewritten:

4 "**§ 153A-155. Uniform provisions for room occupancy taxes.**

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6 (f1) Use. – The proceeds of a room occupancy tax shall not be used as follows:

7 (1) ~~for~~For development or construction of a hotel or another transient lodging
8 facility.

9 (2) For the proceeds of a room occupancy tax that may be used for tourism-related
10 expenditures, for services ordinarily provided by a county for its residents, or
11 for purposes that are designed for or primarily benefit residents of the county
12 unless explicitly authorized by local act, including all of the following:

13 a. Solid waste collection or disposal.

14 b. Water supply, distribution, or treatment.

15 c. Fire protection.

16 d. Law enforcement, public safety services, or emergency services.

17 e. Affordable housing.

18 f. Education.

19 (g) Applicability. – Subsection (c) of this section applies to all counties and county
20 districts that levy an occupancy tax. To the extent subsection (c) conflicts with any provision of
21 a local act, subsection (c) supersedes that provision. Subdivision (2) of subsection (f1) of this
22 section applies to all counties that levy an occupancy tax. The remainder of this section applies
23 only to Alleghany, Anson, Bertie, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Camden, Carteret,
24 Caswell, Chatham, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Davie,
25 Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Graham, Granville, Halifax, Haywood,
26 Henderson, Jackson, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New
27 Hanover, Northampton, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Randolph, Richmond,
28 Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Swain, Transylvania,
29 Tyrrell, Union, Vance, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilson, and Yancey Counties, to Avery
30 County District A, Graham County District G, Harnett County District H, Iredell County District
31 I, New Hanover County District U, Pender County District P, Surry County District S, Watauga
32 County District U, Wilkes County District W, Yadkin County District Y, and the Township of
33 Averagesboro in Harnett County and the Ocracoke Township Taxing District."

34 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to the expenditure
35 of occupancy tax proceeds collected on or after that date.