GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2009

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Short Title:	Davie County Omnibus Occupancy Tax.	(Local)
Sponsors:	Representative Howard (By Request).	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CERTAIN UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT LOCATED WITHIN DAVIE COUNTY TO LEVY A ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I: MOCKSVILLE OCCUPANCY TAX

SECTION 1.1. Occupancy tax. – (a) Authorization and Scope. – The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Mocksville may levy a room occupancy tax of up to three percent (3%) of the gross receipts derived from the rental of any room, lodging, or accommodation furnished by a hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or similar place within the town that is subject to sales tax imposed by the State under G.S. 105-164.4(a)(3). This tax is in addition to any State or local sales tax. This tax does not apply to accommodations furnished by nonprofit charitable, educational, or religious organizations when furnished in furtherance of their nonprofit purpose.

SECTION 1.1.(b) Administration. – A tax levied under this section shall be levied, administered, collected, and repealed as provided in G.S. 160A-215. The penalties provided in G.S. 160A-215 apply to a tax levied under this section.

SECTION 1.1.(c) Distribution and Use of Tax Revenue. — The Town of Mocksville shall, on a quarterly basis, remit the net proceeds of the occupancy tax to the Mocksville Tourism Development Authority. The Authority shall use at least two-thirds of the funds remitted to it under this subsection to promote travel and tourism in the Town of Mocksville and shall use the remainder for tourism-related expenditures.

The following definitions apply in this subsection:

- (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 proceeds 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 Mocksville Tourism Development Authority, are designed to increase the use of lodging facilities, meeting facilities, or convention facilities in the



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town or to attract tourists or business travelers to the town. The term includes tourism-related capital expenditures.

Tourism Development Authority. - (a) Appointment and SECTION 1.2. Membership. - When the Board of Commissioners adopts a resolution levying a room occupancy tax under this act, it shall also adopt a resolution creating the Mocksville Tourism Development Authority, which shall be a public authority under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The resolution shall provide for the membership of the Authority, including the members' terms of office, and for the filling of vacancies on the Authority. At least one-third of the members shall be individuals who are affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the town, and at least one-half of the members shall be individuals who are currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the town. The Board of Commissioners shall designate one member of the Authority as chair and shall determine the compensation, if any, to be paid to members of the Authority.

The Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings. The finance officer for the Town of Mocksville shall be the ex officio finance officer of the Authority.

SECTION 1.2.(b) Duties. – The Authority shall expend the net proceeds of the tax levied under this Part for the purposes provided in Section 1.1 of this act. The Authority shall promote travel, tourism, and conventions in the town, sponsor tourist-related events and activities in the town, and finance tourist-related capital projects in the town.

SECTION 1.2.(c) Reports. – The Authority shall report quarterly and at the close of the fiscal year to the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Mocksville on its receipts and expenditures for the preceding quarter and for the year in such detail as the Board of Commissioners may require.

PART II: BERMUDA RUN OCCUPANCY TAX

SECTION 2.1. Occupancy tax. – (a) Authorization and Scope. – The Bermuda Run Town Council may levy a room occupancy tax of up to three percent (3%) of the gross receipts derived from the rental of any room, lodging, or accommodation furnished by a hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or similar place within the town that is subject to sales tax imposed by the State under G.S. 105-164.4(a)(3). This tax is in addition to any State or local sales tax. This tax does not apply to accommodations furnished by nonprofit charitable, educational, or religious organizations when furnished in furtherance of their nonprofit purpose.

SECTION 2.1.(b) Administration. – A tax levied under this section shall be levied, administered, collected, and repealed as provided in G.S. 160A-215. The penalties provided in G.S. 160A-215 apply to a tax levied under this section.

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

The following definitions apply in this subsection:

- (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 proceeds collected each year.
- Promote travel and tourism. To advertise or market an area or activity, (2) publish and distribute pamphlets and other materials, conduct market research, or engage in similar promotional activities that attract tourists or

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Tourism-related expenditures. – Expenditures that, in the judgment of the (3) Bermuda Run Tourism Development Authority, are designed to increase the use of lodging facilities, meeting facilities, or convention facilities in the town or to attract tourists or business travelers to the town. The term includes tourism-related capital expenditures.

Tourism Development Authority. - (a) Appointment and SECTION 2.2. Membership. – When the Town Council adopts a resolution levying a room occupancy tax under this act, it shall also adopt a resolution creating the Bermuda Run Tourism Development Authority, which shall be a public authority under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The resolution shall provide for the membership of the Authority, including the members' terms of office, and for the filling of vacancies on the Authority. At least one-third of the members shall be individuals who are affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the town, and at least one-half of the members shall be individuals who are currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the town. The Town Council shall designate one member of the Authority as chair and shall determine the compensation, if any, to be paid to members of the Authority.

The Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings. The finance officer for the Town of Bermuda Run shall be the ex officio finance officer of the Authority.

SECTION 2.2.(b) Duties. – The Authority shall expend the net proceeds of the tax levied under this Part for the purposes provided in Section 2.1 of this act. The Authority shall promote travel, tourism, and conventions in the town, sponsor tourist-related events and activities in the town, and finance tourist-related capital projects in the town.

SECTION 2.2.(c) Reports. – The Authority shall report quarterly and at the close of the fiscal year to the Bermuda Run Town Council on its receipts and expenditures for the preceding quarter and for the year in such detail as the Town Council may require.

PART III: COOLEEMEE OCCUPANCY TAX

SECTION 3.1. Occupancy tax. – (a) Authorization and Scope. – The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Cooleemee may levy a room occupancy tax of up to three percent (3%) of the gross receipts derived from the rental of any room, lodging, or accommodation furnished by a hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or similar place within the town that is subject to sales tax imposed by the State under G.S. 105-164.4(a)(3). This tax is in addition to any State or local sales tax. This tax does not apply to accommodations furnished by nonprofit charitable, educational, or religious organizations when furnished in furtherance of their nonprofit purpose.

SECTION 3.1.(b) Administration. – A tax levied under this section shall be levied, administered, collected, and repealed as provided in G.S. 160A-215. The penalties provided in G.S. 160A-215 apply to a tax levied under this section.

SECTION 3.1.(c) Distribution and Use of Tax Revenue. - The Town of Cooleemee shall, on a quarterly basis, remit the net proceeds of the occupancy tax to the Cooleemee Tourism Development Authority. The Authority shall use at least two-thirds of the funds remitted to it under this subsection to promote travel and tourism in the Town of Cooleemee and shall use the remainder for tourism-related expenditures.

The following definitions apply in this subsection:

Net proceeds. – Gross proceeds less the cost to the town of administering (1) 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

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(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 Cooleemee Tourism Development Authority, are designed to increase the use of lodging facilities, meeting facilities, or convention facilities in the town or to attract tourists or business travelers to the town. The term includes tourism-related capital expenditures.

SECTION 3.2. Tourism Development Authority. – (a) Appointment and Membership. – When the Board of Commissioners adopts a resolution levying a room occupancy tax under this act, it shall also adopt a resolution creating the Cooleemee Tourism Development Authority, which shall be a public authority under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The resolution shall provide for the membership of the Authority, including the members' terms of office, and for the filling of vacancies on the Authority. At least one-third of the members shall be individuals who are affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the town, and at least one-half of the members shall be individuals who are currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the town. The Board of Commissioners shall designate one member of the Authority as chair and shall determine the compensation, if any, to be paid to members of the Authority.

The Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings. The finance officer for the Town of Cooleemee shall be the ex officio finance officer of the Authority.

SECTION 3.2.(b) Duties. – The Authority shall expend the net proceeds of the tax levied under this Part for the purposes provided in Section 3.1 of this act. The Authority shall promote travel, tourism, and conventions in the town, sponsor tourist-related events and activities in the town, and finance tourist-related capital projects in the town.

SECTION 3.2.(c) Reports. – The Authority shall report quarterly and at the close of the fiscal year to the Cooleemee Board of Commissioners on its receipts and expenditures for the preceding quarter and for the year in such detail as the Board of Commissioners may require.

PART IV: EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

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