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SENATE BILL 831

Short Title: Municipalities Occupancy Tax. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Nickel (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 22, 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED WITHIN  
HIGH-POPULATION COUNTIES TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT ROOM  
OCCUPANCY TAX.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Occupancy tax. – (a) Authorization and Scope. – A municipality located in whole or in part in a county with a population, as determined by the most recent federal decennial census, of greater than 900,000 may levy a room occupancy tax of up to one percent (1%) 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 or other acts authorizing the municipality to levy an occupancy tax.

**SECTION 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 – A tax levied under this section shall be levied, administered, collected, and repealed as provided in G.S. 160A-215.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.(c)** Distribution and Use of Tax Revenue. – A municipality authorized to impose a tax by this section shall use the proceeds of the tax for any public purpose in the municipality.

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 160A-215(g) reads as rewritten:

"(g) Applicability. – Subsection (c) of this section applies to all cities that levy an occupancy tax. To the extent subsection (c) conflicts with any provision of a local act, subsection (c) supersedes that provision. The remainder of this section applies only to Beech Mountain District W, to the Cities of Belmont, Conover, Eden, Elizabeth City, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Hickory, High Point, Jacksonville, Kings Mountain, Lake Santeetlah, Lenoir, Lexington, Lincolnton, Lowell, Lumberton, Monroe, Mount Airy, Mount Holly, Raleigh, Reidsville, Roanoke Rapids, Salisbury, Sanford, Shelby, Statesville, Washington, and Wilmington, to the Towns of Ahoskie, Apex, Beech Mountain, Benson, Bermuda Run, Blowing Rock, Boiling Springs, Boone, Burgaw, Carolina Beach, Carrboro, Cary, Charlotte, Cooleemee, Cornelius, Cramerton, Dallas, Davidson, Dobson, Elkin, Fontana Dam, Franklin, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Grover, Hillsborough, Holly Springs, Huntersville, Jonesville, Kenly, Knightdale, Kure Beach, Leland, Matthews, McAdenville, Mint Hill, Mocksville, Mooresville, Morrisville, Murfreesboro, North Topsail Beach, Pembroke, Pilot Mountain, Pineville, Ranlo, Robbinsville, Rolesville, Selma, Smithfield, St. Pauls, Stallings, Swansboro, Troutman, Tryon, Wake Forest, Wendell, West Jefferson, Wilkesboro, Wrightsville Beach, Yadkinville, Yanceyville, Zebulon, to the municipalities in Avery and Brunswick Counties, and to Saluda District D."



1           **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
2 Commerce the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be  
3 used to study the anticipated effects on tourism of the tax rate increase authorized by this act in  
4 municipalities that opt to levy the additional tax.

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