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H 1777. LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX AND HOMESTEAD RELIEF. *TO AUTHORIZE A MUNICIPALITY TO LEVY A ONE-HALF CENT LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX AND TO USE THE REVENUE GENERATED BY THE TAX TO EXPAND THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE MUNICIPALITY.* Enacts new GS Chapter 105, Article 46, permitting a city to levy an additional one-half percent local sales and use tax if approved by the city's voters in a referendum. Modifies GS 105-277.1 (homestead exemption) in any city in which such a tax is levied, to extend the exemption (which is the greater of \$20,000 or 50% of appraised value of home) to all persons 65 and older. (Currently the exemption is available only to persons who are 65 or older or disabled with income under a threshold, which was \$18,000 in 2003 adjusted since by inflation factors.)

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