

February 5, 2007

**H 71. HAYWOOD COUNTY SALES TAX.** Filed 2/5/07. *TO AUTHORIZE HAYWOOD COUNTY TO LEVY A ONE-HALF CENT LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAPITAL OUTLAY PURPOSES.* Adds a new Article 46 (Fourth One-Half Cent Local Government Sales and Use Tax Act) to GS Chapter 105 to authorize the Haywood County Board of Commissioners to levy a temporary one-half cent sales and use tax in addition to the existing 2 ½ cents of local sales taxes under GS Chapter 105, Articles 39, 40, 42, and 44. The Commissioners may levy the tax only after the tax is approved by a majority of the voters in a referendum. Levy, collection, and administration of the tax are governed by GS Chapter 105, Article 39, except that the tax does not apply to food. The tax proceeds will be distributed to the taxing county on a point-of-origin basis and must be used only for community college capital outlay and infrastructure improvements, including debt retirement. The county is directed to use the funding to increase county spending for community college capital outlay and infrastructure improvements, not to supplant current funding. The tax expires seven years after it is levied. Tax does not apply to construction contracts entered into, awarded, or bid before the effective date of its levy.

**Intro. by Rapp, Haire.**

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