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Short Title: Fraternal Order Improvements Exemption. (Public)

Sponsors: Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX THE VALUE OF IMPROVEMENTS  
3 OWNED BY FRATERNAL ORDERS IF LOCATED ON LAND OWNED BY THE  
4 STATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 105-275 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

7 **"§ 105-275. Property classified and excluded from the tax base.**

8 The following classes of property are designated special classes under Article V, Sec. 2(2),  
9 of the North Carolina Constitution and are excluded from tax:

10 ...  
11 (19) Real and personal property belonging to the Loyal Order of Moose, the  
12 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Odd  
13 Fellows, the Woodmen of the World, and similar fraternal or civic orders  
14 and organizations operated for nonprofit benevolent, patriotic, historical,  
15 charitable, or civic purposes, when used exclusively for meeting or lodge  
16 purposes by the organization, together with as much additional adjacent real  
17 property as may be necessary for the convenient normal use of the buildings.  
18 Notwithstanding the exclusive-use requirement of this subdivision, if a part  
19 of a property that otherwise meets this subdivision's requirements is used for  
20 a purpose that would require that it not be listed, appraised, assessed, or  
21 taxed if the entire property were so used, that part, according to its value,  
22 shall not be listed, appraised, assessed, or taxed. The fact that a building or  
23 facility is incidentally available to and patronized by the general public, so  
24 far as there is no material amount of business or patronage with the general  
25 public, shall not defeat the classification granted by this section. Nothing in  
26 this subdivision shall be construed so as to include social fraternities,  
27 sororities, and similar college, university, or high school organizations in the  
28 classification for exclusion from ad valorem taxes.

29 (19a) Improvements to real property that are (i) owned by social fraternities,  
30 sororities, and similar college, university, or high school organizations and  
31 (ii) located on land owned by the State.

32 ...."

33 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on  
34 or after July 1, 2013.

