GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

*House Bill 352, “AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT OCCUPANTS OF ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED BY HOTELS, MOTELS, OR SIMILAR LODGINGS DO NOT CREATE A TENANCY AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHAPTER 42 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND TO CLARIFY THAT THESE OCCUPANCIES ARE GOVERNED BY THE STATUTES RELATING TO INNS, HOTELS, AND OTHER TRANSIENT OCCUPANCIES.”*

This legislation is not the right way to ensure safety in hotels. It removes legal protections and allows unnecessary harm to vulnerable people, including families with children, who have turned to hotels and motels for housing in a time of need.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 30 day of August 2021, at 4:14 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.
SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to a person renting an accommodation in a hotel, motel, recreational vehicle park, campground, or similar lodging facility on or after that date. A person's rental period shall be calculated from the first day of consecutive occupation, or right of occupation, in the lodging facility regardless of whether the period began before the effective date of this act.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of August, 2021.

Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved ___________ m. this ______________ day of ________________, 2021

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