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SENATE BILL DRS35347-Nifa-9

Short Title: Hickory and Conover Occupancy Tax. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Proctor (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS OCCUPANCY TAX CHANGES AFFECTING THE CITIES
3 OF HICKORY AND CONOVER.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 1(d) of S.L. 2009-169, as amended by Section 4.1 of Part IV
6 of S.L. 2017-202, reads as rewritten:

7 "**SECTION 1.(d)** Distribution and Use of Tax Revenue. – The City of Hickory shall, on a
8 quarterly basis, remit the net proceeds of the occupancy tax to the Hickory-Conover Tourism
9 Development Authority. The funds remitted under this subsection must be used as follows:

- 10 (1) Through December 31, ~~2029-2039~~. – Prior to and through December 31,
11 ~~2029-2039~~, the Authority may use two-thirds of the funds remitted to it under
12 this subsection for improving, leasing, constructing, financing, operating, or
13 acquiring facilities and properties as needed to provide for a convention center
14 facility, including parking facilities for the convention center. The remainder
15 of the funds must be used to promote travel and tourism. Debt issued to
16 finance these improvements or facilities and that is secured by occupancy tax
17 proceeds remitted under this subdivision must mature on or before December
18 31, ~~2029-2039~~.
- 19 (2) After December 31, ~~2029-2039~~. – After December 31, ~~2029-2039~~, the
20 Authority must use at least two-thirds of the funds remitted to it under this
21 subsection to promote travel and tourism in the area and must use the
22 remainder for tourism-related expenditures."

23 **SECTION 2.** Section 3(d) of S.L. 2009-169, as amended by Section 4.1 of Part IV
24 of S.L. 2017-202, reads as rewritten:

25 "**SECTION 3.(d)** Distribution and Use of Tax Revenue. – The City of Conover shall, on a
26 quarterly basis, remit the net proceeds of the occupancy tax to the Hickory-Conover Tourism
27 Development Authority. The funds remitted under this subsection must be used as follows:

- 28 (1) Through December 31, ~~2029-2039~~. – Prior to and through December 31,
29 ~~2029-2039~~, the Authority may use two-thirds of the funds remitted to it under
30 this subsection for improving, leasing, constructing, financing, operating, or
31 acquiring facilities and properties as needed to provide for a convention center
32 facility, including parking facilities for the convention center. The remainder
33 of the funds must be used to promote travel and tourism. Debt issued to
34 finance these improvements or facilities and that is secured by occupancy tax
35 proceeds remitted under this subdivision must mature on or before December
36 31, ~~2029-2039~~.



- 1 (2) After December 31, ~~2029.~~2039. – After December 31, ~~2029,~~2039, the
- 2 Authority must use at least two-thirds of the funds remitted to it under this
- 3 subsection to promote travel and tourism in the area and must use the
- 4 remainder for tourism-related expenditures."
- 5 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.