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SENATE BILL 484  
Judiciary Committee Substitute Adopted 4/29/25  
PROPOSED HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S484-PCS35465-SVf-44

Short Title: Clarify Tourism-Related Expenditures.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 26, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPROPRIATE USE OF PROCEEDS OF A ROOM  
3 OCCUPANCY TAX THAT MAY BE USED FOR TOURISM-RELATED  
4 EXPENDITURES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-215 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 160A-215. Uniform provisions for room occupancy taxes.

8 ...

9 (f1) Use. – The proceeds of a room occupancy tax shall not be used as follows:

10 (1) ~~for~~ For development or construction of a hotel or another transient lodging  
11 facility.

12 (2) For the proceeds of a room occupancy tax that may be used for tourism-related  
13 expenditures, for services ordinarily provided by a city for its residents, or for  
14 purposes that are designed for or primarily benefit residents of the city unless  
15 explicitly authorized by local act, including all of the following:

16 a. Solid waste collection or disposal.

17 b. Water supply, distribution, or treatment.

18 c. Fire protection.

19 d. Law enforcement, public safety services, or emergency services.

20 e. Affordable housing.

21 f. Education.

22 (g) Applicability. – Subsection (c) of this section applies to all cities that levy an  
23 occupancy tax. To the extent subsection (c) conflicts with any provision of a local act, subsection  
24 (c) supersedes that provision. Subdivision (2) of subsection (f1) of this section applies to all cities  
25 that levy an occupancy tax. The remainder of this section applies only to Beech Mountain District  
26 W, to the Cities of Belmont, Burlington, Conover, Eden, Elizabeth City, Gastonia, Goldsboro,  
27 Graham, Greensboro, Hickory, High Point, Indian Trail, Jacksonville, Kings Mountain, Lake  
28 Santeetlah, Lenoir, Lexington, Lincolnton, Lowell, Lumberton, Mebane, Monroe, Mount Airy,  
29 Mount Holly, Reidsville, Roanoke Rapids, Salisbury, Sanford, Shelby, Statesville, Washington,  
30 and Wilmington, to the Towns of Ahoskie, Beech Mountain, Benson, Bermuda Run, Blowing  
31 Rock, Boiling Springs, Boone, Burgaw, Carolina Beach, Carrboro, Cooleemee, Cramerton,  
32 Dallas, Dobson, Elkin, Elon, Fontana Dam, Four Oaks, Franklin, Grover, Hillsborough,  
33 Jefferson, Jonesville, Kenly, Kure Beach, Lansing, Leland, McAdenville, Mocksville,  
34 Mooresville, Murfreesboro, North Topsail Beach, Pembroke, Pilot Mountain, Ranlo,  
35 Robbinsville, Selma, Smithfield, St. James, St. Pauls, Swansboro, Troutman, Tryon, West



1 Jefferson, Wrightsville Beach, Yadkinville, Yanceyville, to the municipalities in Avery and  
2 Brunswick Counties, to Clayton District C, Saluda District D, and Stallings District S."

3 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 153A-155 reads as rewritten:

4 "**§ 153A-155. Uniform provisions for room occupancy taxes.**

5 ...

6 (f1) Use. – The proceeds of a room occupancy tax shall not be used as follows:

7 (1) ~~for~~ For development or construction of a hotel or another transient lodging  
8 facility.

9 (2) For the proceeds of a room occupancy tax that may be used for tourism-related  
10 expenditures, for services ordinarily provided by a county for its residents, or  
11 for purposes that are designed for or primarily benefit residents of the county  
12 unless explicitly authorized by local act, including all of the following:

13 a. Solid waste collection or disposal.

14 b. Water supply, distribution, or treatment.

15 c. Fire protection.

16 d. Law enforcement, public safety services, or emergency services.

17 e. Affordable housing.

18 f. Education.

19 (g) Applicability. – Subsection (c) of this section applies to all counties and county  
20 districts that levy an occupancy tax. To the extent subsection (c) conflicts with any provision of  
21 a local act, subsection (c) supersedes that provision. Subdivision (2) of subsection (f1) of this  
22 section applies to all counties that levy an occupancy tax. The remainder of this section applies  
23 only to Alleghany, Anson, Bertie, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Camden, Carteret,  
24 Caswell, Chatham, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Davie,  
25 Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Graham, Granville, Halifax, Haywood,  
26 Henderson, Jackson, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New  
27 Hanover, Northampton, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Randolph, Richmond,  
28 Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Swain, Transylvania,  
29 Tyrrell, Union, Vance, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilson, and Yancey Counties, to Avery  
30 County District A, Graham County District G, Harnett County District H, Iredell County District  
31 I, New Hanover County District U, Pender County District P, Surry County District S, Watauga  
32 County District U, Wilkes County District W, Yadkin County District Y, and the Township of  
33 Averasboro in Harnett County and the Ocracoke Township Taxing District."

34 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to the expenditure  
35 of occupancy tax proceeds collected on or after that date.