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HOUSE BILL 1528

Short Title: Modify Long Beach Room Tax.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Redwine.

Referred to: Finance.

May 27, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF LONG BEACH TO LEVY AN
2 ADDITIONAL TWO PERCENT OCCUPANCY TAX TO BE USED FOR BEACH
3 RENOURISHMENT AND PROTECTION.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Part IX of Chapter 908 of the 1983 Session Laws, as amended by
7 Chapter 985 of the 1983 Session Laws and Chapter 857 of the 1989 Session Laws, as it
8 relates to the Town of Long Beach only, is recodified and rewritten as Section 2 of this
9 act.

10 Section 2. Long Beach occupancy tax. (a) Authorization and scope. The Long
11 Beach Town Council may levy a room occupancy tax of up to three percent (3%) of the
12 gross receipts derived from the rental of any room, lodging, or accommodation furnished
13 by a hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or similar place within the town that is subject to
14 sales tax imposed by the State under G.S. 105-164.4(a)(3) and from the rental of private
15 residences and cottages, whether or not the residence or cottage is rented for less than 15
16 days. This tax is in addition to any State or local sales tax.

17 (b) Authorization of additional tax. In addition to the tax authorized by subsection
18 (a) of this section, the Long Beach Town Council may levy an additional room
19 occupancy tax of up to two percent (2%) of the gross receipts derived from the rental of
20 accommodations taxable under subsection (a). The levy, collection, administration, and

1 repeal of the tax authorized by this subsection shall be in accordance with the provisions
2 of this section. The governing body of a town may not levy a tax under this subsection
3 unless it also levies the tax authorized under subsection (a) of this section.

4 (c) Administration. A tax levied under this section shall be levied, administered,
5 collected, and repealed as provided in G.S. 160A-215. The penalties provided in G.S.
6 160A-215 apply to a tax levied under this section.

7 The tax collector may collect any unpaid taxes levied under this act through the
8 use of attachment and garnishment proceedings as provided in G.S. 105-368 for
9 collection of property taxes. The tax collector has the same enforcement powers
10 concerning the tax imposed by this act as does the Secretary of Revenue in enforcing the
11 State sales tax under G.S. 105-164.30.

12 (d) Distribution and use of tax revenue. The Town of Long Beach may use the
13 proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to subsection (a) of this section only for tourism-
14 related expenditures. As used in this section, "tourism-related expenditures" includes any
15 of the following expenditures: criminal justice system, fire protection, public facilities
16 and utilities, health facilities, solid waste and sewage treatment, and the control and repair
17 of waterfront erosion. The term does not include, however, expenditures for services
18 normally provided by the town on behalf of its citizens unless these services promote
19 tourism and enlarge its economic benefits by enhancing the ability of the town to attract
20 and provide for tourists.

21 The Town of Ocean Isle Beach may use the proceeds of the tax levied pursuant
22 to subsection (b) of this section only for beach renourishment and protection.

23 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.