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SENATE BILL 1140  
Judiciary II Committee Substitute Adopted 8/27/02

Short Title: Amend Definition of Convention Center.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF A CONVENTION CENTER IN THE  
3 STATE'S ABC LAW.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 18B-1000(1a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(1a) Convention center. – An establishment that meets either of the  
7 following requirements:

8 a. A publicly owned or operated establishment that is engaged in  
9 the business of sponsoring or hosting conventions and similar  
10 large ~~gatherings. Convention centers shall include gatherings,~~  
11 including auditoriums, armories, civic centers, convention  
12 centers, and coliseums.

13 b. A privately owned facility located in a city that has a population  
14 of at least 200,000 but not more than 250,000 by the 2000  
15 federal census. To qualify as a convention center under this  
16 subsection, the facility shall meet each of the following  
17 requirements:

18 1. The facility shall be located within an area that has been  
19 designated as an Urban Redevelopment Area under  
20 Article 22 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, and  
21 shall be certified by the appropriate local official as  
22 being consistent with the city's redevelopment plan for  
23 the area in which the facility is located.

24 2. The facility shall contain at least 7,500 square feet of  
25 floor space that is available for public use, and shall be  
26 used exclusively for banquets, receptions, meetings, and  
27 similar gatherings.

28 3. The facility's annual gross receipts from the sale of  
29 alcoholic beverages shall be less than 50% of the gross

1                   receipts paid to all providers at permitted functions for  
2                   food, nonalcoholic beverages, alcoholic beverages,  
3                   service, and facility usage fees (excluding receipts or  
4                   charges for entertainment and ancillary services not  
5                   directly related to providing food and beverage service).  
6                   The person to whom a permit has been issued for a  
7                   privately owned facility shall be required to maintain  
8                   copies of all contracts and invoices for items supplied by  
9                   providers for a period of three years from the date of the  
10                   event.

11                   A permit issued for a convention center shall be valid only for those  
12                   parts of the building used for conventions ~~and banquets~~ banquets,  
13                   receptions, and other events, and only during regularly-scheduled  
14                   ~~conventions and banquets.~~ activities."

15                   **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.