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HOUSE BILL DRH10063-NIxf-46

Short Title: Maysville Occupancy Tax. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Humphrey.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF MAYSVILLE TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY
3 TAX.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Occupancy Tax. – (a) Authorization and Scope. – The Town of
6 Maysville Board of Commissioners may levy a room occupancy tax of up to six percent (6%) of
7 the gross receipts derived from the rental of an accommodation within the town that is subject to
8 sales tax imposed by the State under G.S. 105-164.4(a)(3). This tax is in addition to any State or
9 local sales tax.

10 **SECTION 1.(b)** Administration. – A tax levied under this section shall be levied,
11 administered, collected, and repealed as provided in G.S. 160A-215. The penalties provided in
12 G.S. 160A-215 apply to a tax levied under this section.

13 **SECTION 1.(c)** Distribution and Use of Tax Revenue. – The Town of Maysville
14 shall, on a quarterly basis, remit the net proceeds of the occupancy tax to the Maysville Tourism
15 Development Authority. The Authority shall use at least two-thirds of the funds to promote travel
16 and tourism and shall use the remainder for tourism-related expenditures in the town.

17 The following definitions apply in this subsection:

18 (1) Net proceeds. – Gross proceeds less the cost to the town of administering and
19 collecting the tax, as determined by the finance officer, not to exceed three
20 percent (3%) of the first five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) of gross
21 proceeds collected each year and one percent (1%) of the remaining gross
22 receipts collected each year.

23 (2) Promote travel and tourism. – To advertise or market an area or activity,
24 publish and distribute pamphlets and other materials, conduct market research,
25 or engage in similar promotional activities that attract tourists or business
26 travelers to the area. The term includes administrative expenses incurred in
27 engaging in the listed activities.

28 (3) Tourism-related expenditures. – Expenditures that, in the judgment of the
29 Tourism Development Authority, are designed to increase the use of
30 accommodations, meeting facilities, or convention facilities in the town or to
31 attract tourists or business travelers to the town. The term includes
32 tourism-related capital expenditures.

33 **SECTION 2.** Tourism Development Authority. – (a) Appointment and Membership.
34 – When the Town of Maysville Board of Commissioners adopts a resolution levying a room
35 occupancy tax under this act, it shall also adopt a resolution creating a town Tourism
36 Development Authority, which shall be a public authority under the Local Government Budget



1 and Fiscal Control Act. The resolution shall provide for the membership of the Authority,
2 including the members' terms of office, and for the filling of vacancies on the Authority. At least
3 one-third of the members shall be individuals who are affiliated with businesses that collect tax
4 in the town, and at least one-half of the members shall be individuals who are currently active in
5 the promotion of travel and tourism in the town. The Town of Maysville Board of Commissioners
6 shall designate one member of the Authority as chair and shall determine the compensation, if
7 any, to be paid to members of the Authority.

8 The Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of procedure to
9 govern its meetings. The Finance Officer for the Town of Maysville shall be the ex officio finance
10 officer of the Authority.

11 **SECTION 2.(b) Duties.** – The Authority shall expend the net proceeds of the tax
12 levied under this act for promoting travel and tourism and for tourism-related expenditures as
13 provided in this act.

14 **SECTION 2.(c) Reports.** – The Authority shall report quarterly and at the close of
15 the fiscal year to the Town of Maysville Board of Commissioners on its receipts and expenditures
16 for the preceding quarter and for the year in such detail as the Board of Commissioners may
17 require.

18 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 160A-215(g) reads as rewritten:

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

35 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.