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SENATE BILL 731

Short Title: Southport Occupancy Tax Modification. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Rabon (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: State and Local Government.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO THE OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZED FOR
THE TOWN OF SOUTHPORT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 1(e) of Chapter 639 of the 1989 Session Laws, as enacted by
S.L. 2002-129, reads as rewritten:

"(e) Distribution and use of tax revenue. – ~~The~~ Until the Southport Board of Aldermen
adopts a resolution levying a room occupancy tax under subsection (a1) of this section, the City
of Southport shall use at least two-thirds of the funds to promote travel and tourism in
Southport and shall use the remainder for tourism-related expenditures. When the Southport
Board of Aldermen adopts a resolution levying a room occupancy tax under subsection (a1) of
Section 1 of this act, the City of Southport shall, on a quarterly basis, remit the net proceeds of
the occupancy tax to the Southport Tourism Development Authority. The Authority shall use at
least two-thirds of the funds remitted to it under this subsection to promote travel and tourism
in Southport and shall use the remainder for tourism-related expenditures."

SECTION 2. Section 1.2 of Chapter 639 of the 1989 Session Laws, as enacted by
S.L. 2002-129, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 1.2. Southport Tourism Development Authority. – When the Southport Board of
Aldermen adopts a resolution levying a room occupancy tax under subsection (a1) of Section 1
of this act, it shall also adopt a resolution creating a city Tourism Development Authority,
which shall be a public authority under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.
The resolution shall provide for the membership of the Authority, including the members' terms
of office, and for the filling of vacancies on the Authority. At least one-third of the members
must be individuals who are affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the city, and at
least three-fourths of the members must be individuals who are currently active in the
promotion of travel and tourism in the city. The Board of Aldermen shall designate one
member of the Authority as chair and shall determine the compensation, if any, to be paid to
members of the Authority.

The Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of procedure to govern
its meetings. The Finance Officer for Southport shall be the ex officio finance officer of the
Authority."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

