

Session 123 - (2019-2020)

H 4745 General Bill, By Clemmons, Fry, Crawford and McGinnis

Summary: County-wide hospitality fees

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 6 SO AS TO ALLOW COUNTIES IMPOSING LEGACY COUNTY-WIDE HOSPITALITY FEES BY ORDINANCE TO REPLACE THE ORIGINAL DEDICATION OF THE USE OF THESE FEE REVENUES BY DEDICATING THE REVENUES FOR USE IN THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE, INTERSTATE HIGHWAY INTERCHANGES, AND BUILDING OR IMPROVING ROADS THAT DIRECTLY CONNECT WITH INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THESE FEE REVENUES WHEN THERE ARE NO VIABLE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY PROJECTS OR RELATED IMPROVEMENTS REMAINING IN THE COUNTY, TO ALLOW COUNTIES IMPOSING LEGACY HOSPITALITY FEES TO USE REVENUES OF THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAXES THEY IMPOSE IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS FOR THE SAME USES AS THE REDEDICATED REVENUES OF THE LEGACY HOSPITALITY FEE, TO DEFINE TERMS APPLICABLE FOR THIS NEW ARTICLE 11, AND TO ALLOW A COUNTY WHICH HAS ENACTED AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE DEDICATION OF A LEGACY HOSPITALITY FEE REVENUE, BY ORDINANCE TO ASSUME THE ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION, ENFORCEMENT, AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAXES AND THE LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAXES IMPOSED BY MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE TAX REVENUES GENERATED IN EACH OF THE COUNTY'S MUNICIPALITIES MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE GENERATING MUNICIPALITIES NO LESS THAN QUARTERLY.

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