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Short Title: Watauga County Local Option Sales Tax. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Tarleton.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE WATAUGA COUNTY TO LEVY A ONE-HALF CENT  
LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY  
PURPOSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** This act applies to Watauga County only.

**SECTION 2.** Subchapter VIII of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is  
amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 46.

"Fourth One-Half Cent (1/2¢) Local Government Sales and Use Tax.

**"§ 105-535. Short title.**

This Article is the Fourth One-Half Cent (1/2¢) Local Government Sales and Use  
Tax Act.

**"§ 105-536. Limitations.**

This Article applies only to counties that levy the first one-cent (1¢) local sales and  
use tax under Article 39 of this Chapter or under Chapter 1096 of the 1967 Session  
Laws, the first one-half cent (1/2¢) local sales and use tax under Article 40 of this  
Chapter, the second one-half cent (1/2¢) local sales and use tax under Article 42 of this  
Chapter, and the third one-half cent (1/2¢) local sales and use tax under Article 44 of  
this Chapter.

**"§ 105-537. Levy of tax.**

The board of commissioners of a county may, by resolution, levy one-half percent  
(1/2%) local sales and use taxes in addition to any other State and local sales and use  
taxes levied pursuant to law. Before adopting a resolution under this Article, the board  
of commissioners must give at least 10 days' public notice of its intent to adopt the  
resolution and must hold a public hearing on the issue of adopting the resolution.

**"§ 105-538. Administration.**

1        Except as provided in this Article, the adoption, levy, collection, administration, and  
2 repeal of the additional taxes authorized by this Article shall be in accordance with  
3 Article 39 of this Chapter. A tax levied under this Article does not apply to the sales  
4 price of food that is exempt from tax pursuant to G.S. 105-164.13B.

5 **"§ 105-539. Distribution and use of taxes.**

6        (a) Distribution. – The Secretary shall, on a monthly basis, distribute to each  
7 taxing county the net proceeds of the tax collected in that county under this Article. If  
8 the Secretary collects taxes under this Article in a month and the taxes cannot be  
9 identified as being attributable to a particular taxing county, the Secretary shall allocate  
10 these taxes among the taxing counties in proportion to the amount of taxes collected in  
11 each county under this Article in that month and shall include them in the monthly  
12 distribution.

13        (b) Use. – The proceeds of a tax levied under this Article may be used only for  
14 public school capital outlay purposes or to retire indebtedness incurred by the county for  
15 these purposes.

16        (c) Nonsupplant Restriction. – It is the purpose of this Article for counties to  
17 appropriate funds generated under this Article to increase the level of county spending  
18 for public school capital outlay purposes above the level of spending before the levy of  
19 the tax authorized in this Article. A county that levies a tax under this Article must  
20 continue to spend for public school capital outlay purposes the same amount of money it  
21 would have spent for those purposes if it had not levied the tax.

22        **SECTION 3.** A tax levied under Article 46 of Chapter 105 of the General  
23 Statutes, as enacted by this act, does not apply to construction materials purchased to  
24 fulfill a lump-sum or unit-price contract entered into or awarded before the effective  
25 date of the levy or entered into or awarded pursuant to a bid made before the effective  
26 date of the levy when the construction materials would otherwise be subject to the tax  
27 levied under Article 46 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes.

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