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**SENATE DRS15004-LBx-76 (01/19)**

Short Title: Downtown Service District Definition.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Preston.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION IN THE  
3 MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT LAW.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-536(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) Downtown Revitalization Defined. – As used in this section "downtown  
7 revitalization projects" include by way of illustration but not limitation public buildings,  
8 restrooms, docks, visitor centers, and tourism facilities, improvements to water mains, sanitary  
9 sewer mains, storm sewer mains, electric power distribution lines, gas mains, street lighting,  
10 streets and sidewalks, including rights-of-way and easements therefor, the construction of  
11 pedestrian malls, bicycle paths, overhead pedestrian walkways, sidewalk canopies, and parking  
12 facilities both on-street and off-street, and other improvements intended to relieve traffic  
13 congestion in the central city, improve pedestrian and vehicular access thereto, reduce the  
14 incidence of crime therein, and generally to further the public health, safety, welfare, and  
15 convenience by promoting the economic health of the central city or downtown area. In  
16 addition, a downtown revitalization project may, in order to revitalize a downtown area and  
17 further the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience, include the provision of city  
18 services or functions in addition to or to a greater extent than those provided or maintained for  
19 the entire city. A downtown revitalization project may also include promotion and  
20 developmental activities (such as sponsoring festivals and markets in the downtown area,  
21 promoting business investment in the downtown area, helping to coordinate public and private  
22 actions in the downtown area, and developing and issuing publications on the downtown area)  
23 designed to improve the economic well-being of the downtown area and further the public  
24 health, safety, welfare, and convenience. Exercise of the authority granted by this Article to  
25 undertake downtown revitalization projects financed by a service district shall not prejudice the  
26 city's authority to undertake urban renewal projects in the same area."

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

