

House Bill 1005

By: Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Holmes of the 129th, and Washburn of the 141st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the governing authority of the City of Forsyth to levy an excise tax pursuant to
2 subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions,
3 and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Pursuant to the authority of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A., the
8 governing authority of the City of Forsyth is authorized to levy an excise tax at a rate not to
9 exceed 7 percent of the charge for the furnishing for value to the public of any room or
10 rooms, lodgings, or accommodations furnished by any person or legal entity licensed by, or
11 required to pay business or occupation taxes to, the municipality for operating a hotel, motel,
12 inn, lodge, tourist camp, tourist cabin, campground, or any other place in which rooms,
13 lodgings, or accommodations are regularly or periodically furnished for value.

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 The enactment of this Act is subsequent to the adoption of a resolution by the governing
16 authority of the City of Forsyth, which specifies the subsequent tax rate, identifies the
17 projects or tourism product development purposes, and specifies the allocation of proceeds.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 In accordance with the terms of such resolution adopted by the mayor and council of the City
20 of Forsyth:

21 (1) In each fiscal year during which a tax is collected pursuant to paragraph (2) of
22 subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A., an amount equal to not less
23 than 50 percent of the total amount of taxes collected that exceeds the amount of taxes
24 that would be collected at the rate of 5 percent shall be expended for promoting tourism,

25 conventions, and trade shows by the destination marketing organization designated by the
26 City of Forsyth or by such other entity already authorized to administer tourism funds
27 pursuant to existing contract as specified in paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Code
28 Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; and

29 (2) The remaining amount of taxes collected that exceeds the amount of taxes that would
30 be collected at the rate of 5 percent which is not otherwise expended under paragraph (1)
31 of this section shall be expended for tourism product development.

32 **SECTION 4.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.