

House Bill 1012

By: Representative Parrish of the 158th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

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

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 The enactment of this Act is subsequent to the adoption of an ordinance amending certain
16 sections of Title 3, Chapter 16 of the City of Metter Code of Ordinances by the governing
17 authority of the City of Metter on January 21, 2014, which specifies the subsequent tax rate,
18 identifies the projects or tourism product development purposes, and specifies the allocation
19 of proceeds.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 In accordance with the terms of such ordinance:

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

that would be collected at the rate of 5 percent shall be expended for promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows by the destination marketing organization designated by the City of Metter or by such other entity authorized to administer and expend the proceeds of such tax under an existing contract authorized by paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; and

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

SECTION 4.

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