

House Bill 621

By: Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Oliver of the 82nd, Hanson of the 80th, and Holcomb of the 81st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the governing authority of the City of Chamblee to levy an excise tax pursuant
2 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 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 Chamblee is authorized to levy an excise tax at a rate of
9 8 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 a Resolution by the governing
16 authority of the City of Chamblee on January 17, 2017, which specifies the subsequent tax
17 rate, identifies the projects or tourism product development purposes, and specifies the
18 allocation of proceeds.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 In accordance with the terms of such resolution adopted by the governing authority of the
21 City of Chamblee:

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 exceed the amount of taxes that

25 would be collected at the rate of 5 percent shall be expended for promoting tourism,
26 conventions, and trade shows by the destination marketing organization designated by the
27 City of Chamblee; and

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

31 **SECTION 4.**

32 This Act supersedes any prior ordinances adopted by the governing authority of the City of
33 Chamblee pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the
34 O.C.G.A.

35 **SECTION 5.**

36 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.