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AMENDED

September 22, 2020

S. 217

Introduced by Senators Kimpson, Campsen, Senn and Scott

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Read the first time January 23, 2019.

A BILL

TO AMEND SECTIONS 6-1-530, 6-1-730, AND 6-4-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, ALL RELATING TO THE EXPENDITURE OF THE STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX, AND LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, RESPECTIVELY, TO ALLOW THE REVENUE TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE CONTROL AND REPAIR OF FLOODING AND DRAINAGE AT TOURISM-RELATED LANDS OR AREAS.

Amend Title To Conform

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 6-1-730(A) of the 1976 Code is amended by adding new items to read:

- "(7) control and repair of flooding and drainage within or on tourism-related lands or areas; or
- (8) site preparation for items in this section, including, but not limited to, demolition, repair, or construction."

SECTION 2. Section 6-1-730 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered new subsection at the end to read:

"() If applying the provisions of subsection (A)(7), then the revenues must be expended exclusively on public works projects designed to eliminate or mitigate the adverse effects of recurrent nuisance flooding, including that which is attributable to sea-level rise, or other recurrent flooding. Such adverse effects include road closures and other transportation disruptions, storm-water drainage issues, and compromised public infrastructure. The public works projects must be within or on tourism-related lands or areas. Revenues must not be used to pay claims or otherwise settle litigation that may arise from time to time due to the harmful impacts of nuisance or other flooding."

SECTION 3. Due to interruptions and delays in local government operations caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, any local government that has a comprehensive plan due December 31, 2020 may delay submission of the plan until December 31, 2021.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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