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By Senator Waggoner (N & P)

RFD: Local Legislation, Jefferson County

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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Jefferson County; to amend Act 2001-550 of the 2001 Regular Session (Acts 2001, p. 1106), now appearing as Section 45-37-244.01 of the Code of Alabama 1975, which provides for the levy of an additional automobile rental tax in Jefferson County to be used by the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Authority for the support of the operation of the authority, including, but not limited to, capital expansion, renovation, and maintenance; to amend the conditions upon which Act 2001-550 will become operative.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Act 2001-550 of the 2001 Regular Session (Acts 2001, p. 1106) now appearing as Section 45-37-244.01 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§45-37-244.01.
"(a) In Jefferson County, in addition to all other taxes imposed by law, there is hereby levied an additional privilege or license tax, in the amount hereinafter prescribed against any person, organization, or other entity engaging or continuing in the county in the business of leasing or renting any passenger automotive vehicle, the duration of the lease being not more than one year. The amount of the taxes levied by this section shall be equal to three percent of the gross proceeds derived by the lessor from the lease or rental of such passenger automotive vehicle for not more than one year. The taxes levied by this section shall become effective September 1, 2001.

"(b) All amounts collected pursuant to this section shall be allocated to the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Authority, established by Sections 45-37-90 to 45-37-90.07, inclusive, and shall be used for the support of the operation of the authority, including, but not limited to, capital expansion, renovation, and maintenance.

"(c) The taxes levied by this section, except as otherwise provided, shall be due and payable to the director of revenue or any other county officer or employee charged with the duty of collecting county licenses or privilege taxes, on or before the last day of each month next succeeding the month in which the tax accrues. On or before the last day of each month after the ratification date of the taxes, every person upon whom the tax is levied by this section shall render to the director on a form prescribed by him or her, a
true and correct statement showing the gross proceeds of the
business subject to the tax for the then preceding month,
together with such other information as the director may
demand and require. When making the monthly report the
taxpayer shall compute and pay to the director the amount of
taxes shown to be due, provided, however, any person subject
to the tax who conducts any business on a credit basis may
defer reporting and paying the tax until after the person has
received payment for the items, articles, or accommodations
furnished. In the event the taxpayer so defers reporting and
paying any taxes, he or she shall thereafter include in each
monthly report all credit collections made during the then
preceding month and shall pay the amount of taxes computed
thereon at the time of filing the report. Every person engaged
or continuing in any business subject to the taxes levied by
this section shall keep and preserve suitable records of the
gross proceeds of the business and such other books or
accounts as may be necessary to determine the amount of tax
for which he or she is liable. The records shall be kept and
preserved for a period of five years and shall be open for
examination at any time by the director or by any duly
authorized agent, deputy, or employees of the director. Any
person who fails to pay the tax levied by this section within
the time required by this section shall pay in addition to the
tax a penalty of 10 percent of the amount of tax due, together
with interest thereon at the rate of one-half of one percent
per month or fraction thereof from the date on which the tax
became due and payable, to be assessed and collected as a part of the tax. The director may waive or remit the penalty or any portion thereof.

"(d) The failure of any person to pay any tax levied by this section within the time specified for the payment of the same by this section shall constitute a misdemeanor. The violation of any of the provisions of this section by any person shall constitute a misdemeanor. Any person violating any provisions of this section shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars ($500) or may be sentenced not to exceed six months, or both, unless a different punishment is prescribed herein.

"(e) Before the twentieth day of each calendar month, the director shall pay, pursuant to subsection (b), in the amounts allocated therein to the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Authority, all of the license and privilege taxes levied by this section received by him or her during the next preceding calendar month.

"(f) None of the provisions of this section shall be applied in such manner as to violate the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution. Should any provision of this section be held invalid, the validity thereof shall not alter the remaining provisions of this section.

"(g) This section shall only become operative on the date when the bond counsel for any bonds issued by the authority certifies to the revenue director that revenue sources are available from this section and Section
Section 1. 45-37-245.02 and Section 45-37-243.40, along with any other revenue sources, including, but not limited to, revenue derived from the city or county, or both, are sufficient to provide debt service on a bond issue of three hundred million dollars ($300,000,000). This section shall become operative on the first day of the second calendar month after the chair of the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Authority delivers to the Director of Revenue, or other collecting officer of the county, a certificate stating that the authority has made a contractual commitment for the construction of a stadium that, in the authority's judgment, is suitable for NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision football games. The contractual commitment must be a bond purchase agreement, loan agreement, or other financing commitment that will provide funds, together with other funds available or contractually committed to the authority, that, in the authority's judgment, will be sufficient to complete construction of the stadium."

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming a law.