

House Bill 867 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Taylor of the 173<sup>rd</sup>, Carter of the 175<sup>th</sup>, and Watson of the 172<sup>nd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the governing authority of the City of Thomasville to levy an excise tax  
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 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 Thomasville is authorized to levy an excise tax at a rate  
9 not to exceed 8 percent of the charge for the furnishing for value to the public of any room  
10 or rooms, lodgings, or accommodations furnished by any person or legal entity licensed by,  
11 or required to pay business or occupation taxes to, the municipality for operating a hotel,  
12 motel, inn, lodge, tourist camp, tourist cabin, campground, or any other place in which  
13 rooms, 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 an ordinance by the governing  
16 authority of the City of Thomasville on January 11, 2016, 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 ordinance adopted by the mayor and council of the City  
21 of Thomasville:

- 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

25 that 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 Thomasville; and

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

31 **SECTION 4.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.