



# HOUSE BILL 275: No Stormwater Fees on Taxiways or Runways.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 275 would exempt military runways and taxiways from stormwater utility fees and would exempt other runways and taxiways from stormwater utility fees if the savings are used to attract business to the airport.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under G.S. 153A-277 and G.S. 160A-314, counties and cities are authorized to establish and collect fees for stormwater management programs and structural and natural stormwater drainage systems. Fees may not exceed the costs of providing the program and drainage system, including any costs necessary to assure that all aspects of stormwater quality and quantity are managed in accordance with federal and State law.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 275 would establish the following two exemptions for airports from stormwater utility fees:

- An exemption for military runways and taxiways from stormwater utility fees.
- A limited exemption for non-military airports from stormwater utility fees. Under this exemption, an airport would not have to pay the portion of the fee that covers the airport's runways and taxiways if the airport certifies that the savings realized from the exemption will be used to attract business to the airport. Upon request of the city or county levying the fee, the airport would be required to provide evidence that the savings were used to attract business to the airport. Any savings not used for the required purpose would have to be remitted to the city or county to be used for stormwater management.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would become effective January 1, 2018, and would apply to fees levied on or after that date.

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