



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

2017-2018 General Assembly

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Analysis of:	S.L. 2017-132		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2017-132 exempts military runways and taxiways from stormwater utility fees and exempts other runways and taxiways from stormwater utility fees if the savings are used to attract business to the airport.*

This act becomes effective January 1, 2018, and applies to fees levied on or after that date.

PREVIOUS LAW: Under previous G.S. 153A-277 and G.S. 160A-314, counties and cities were authorized to establish and collect fees for stormwater management programs and structural and natural stormwater drainage systems, including such programs and systems for airports.

BILL ANALYSIS: S.L. 2017-132 establishes 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 becomes effective January 1, 2018, and applies to fees levied on or after that date.

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