



HOUSE BILL 397: Town of Lake Lure/Property Lease.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 397 would allow the Town of Lake Lure (Town) to lease the property of Lake Lure Bridge #7 and an adjacent parcel of land owned by the Town for a term of over ten years without it being treated as a sale.

CURRENT LAW: Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes authorizes municipalities to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of real and personal property belonging to the municipality. With respect to leases, G.S. 160A-272 requires leases of property for longer than 10 years to be treated as a sale of real property and use one of the following competitive bidding procedures:

- Advertisement for sealed bids (G.S.160A-268).
- Offer and upset bid (G.S. 160A-269).
- Public auction (G.S. 160A-270).

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 397 would allow the Town to lease the Lake Lure Bridge #7 and an adjacent parcel owned by the Town for a term of more than 10 years without it being treated as a sale and, therefore, bypassing the competitive bidding requirement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would be effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND. Lake Lure Bridge #7 is also known as The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge.

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