Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1 Sen. Morse, Dist 22 Sen. Soucy, Dist 18 Sen. Bradley, Dist 3 Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20 March 22, 2022 2022-1176s 10/05

Floor Amendment to HB 1063

- 1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:
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AN ACT relative to the technical changes to the administration of certain taxes by the department of revenue administration and relative to county redevelopment district bonds for an unincorporated place.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following and renumbering the original section 4 to read as 5:

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10 4 County Unincorporated Places; Redevelopment Districts. Amend RSA 33:20 to read as 11 follows:

1233:20 Redevelopment Districts in Unincorporated Places and Redevelopment District Bonds. In 13an unincorporated place, the county commissioners, with the approval of a majority of the county 14convention present and voting, may: (i) separately from, and in addition to, bonds guaranteed 15pursuant to RSA 162-I:9-a, authorize the issuance of bonds by the county, the source for repayment 16 of which shall be limited to assessment revenues generated by redevelopment districts created under 17this section, and shall not be a general obligation of the county and not included in net indebtedness 18 as defined in RSA 33:1, III; and (ii) establish redevelopment districts to ensure that assessment 19revenues generated hereunder from revitalization projects are sufficient to repay such bonds. The 20boundaries of the redevelopment district shall be configured so that it includes, but is not limited to, 21all of the property available to be developed, redeveloped, or revitalized through the issuance of such 22bonds, or otherwise benefiting from the improvements financed, in whole or in part, with the 23proceeds of any bonds issued by the county hereunder or bonds issued by the business finance 24authority and guaranteed pursuant to RSA 162-I:9-a. Every owner of each lot or parcel located 25within the redevelopment district shall be subject to an assessment. The amount of the assessment 26shall be sufficient to provide for repayment of the debt service related to the bond. [The] 27Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, including RSA 28:24, the manner of 28sale and terms of any bonds to be issued by the county, and the amount of the assessment, payment 29terms and method for collection, shall be established in a financing plan prepared by the [bond 30 recipient] project developer or developers and adopted by the county commissioners. The

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1 financing plan shall include the delegation of collection responsibilities to the county. The county $\mathbf{2}$ commissioners may enter into such agreements as they deem necessary to ensure repayment and to 3 implement the financing plan and including without limitation such terms and conditions as is 4deemed necessary to provide for the segregation and pledge of the assessments to secure repayment of the bonds. The assessment shall be used solely to pay debt service related to the bond and pay the $\mathbf{5}$ 6 county's expenses of establishing and administering the redevelopment district and issuing the 7bonds. The incremental increase in value of any project located in a redevelopment district shall be 8 exempt from all property taxes and shall not be considered in the apportionment of county taxes to 9 the unincorporated place, for so long as any bonds issued under this section or guaranteed pursuant 10to RSA 162-I:9-a, I remain outstanding. The equalization and apportionment provisions of RSA 21-J shall be applied in a manner consistent with the foregoing sentence. Any unpaid assessment under 11 12this chapter shall constitute a lien pursuant to RSA 80 on the assessed property. Collection and 13enforcement of assessments under this section shall be in accordance with RSA 80. The county 14commissioners may negotiate a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with the project developer or 15developers in the redevelopment district who shall also pay all fees for an independent bond counsel. 16In order to establish a redevelopment district, issue bonds, and adopt a financing plan hereunder, 17the county commissioners must find that such actions will likely create, revive, or preserve 18employment opportunities or increase the social or economic prosperity of the county, any of which 19would be in the public interest. The county commissioners may negotiate with the project developer 20or developers to arrange for administration of the redevelopment district, including without 21limitation fire protection and public safety services, and to provide funding for said administration 22and services through assessments on available valuation of property within the redevelopment 23district, fees to property owners, direct payment by a developer or developers, or other means. 24Under no circumstances shall the county or the unincorporated place, as issuer of a bond under this 25section, have any obligation of any kind to repay any of the principal or interest of the bond. In this 26section, "redevelopment district" in an unincorporated place means an eligible facility in an 27unincorporated place designated as a redevelopment district by the county commissioners.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes technical changes to the business profits tax, the meals and rooms tax, and the administration of taxes by the department of revenue administration. This bill also clarifies the procedure for the issuance of redevelopment district bonds by the county commissioners for an unincorporated place.