

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 530
State & Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 5/10/07
House Committee Substitute Favorable 7/27/07**

Short Title: Raleigh/Contracts Exemption.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 7, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT EXEMPTING THE CITY OF RALEIGH FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING
3 REQUIREMENTS WHEN LETTING CONTRACTS FOR APPARATUS,
4 SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, OR EQUIPMENT USED AS PART OF ANY PILOT
5 PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO TEST THE
6 EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF LIGHT EMITTING DIODE
7 TECHNOLOGIES AND PERMITTING THE CITY OF RALEIGH TO LEVY A
8 MOTOR VEHICLE PRIVILEGE TAX OF UP TO TWENTY DOLLARS FOR
9 EACH RESIDENT VEHICLE LOCATED IN THE CITY.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.** The City of Raleigh may contract for apparatus, supplies,
12 materials, or equipment that will be used as part of any pilot program authorized by the
13 City Council to test the efficiency and effectiveness of light emitting diode technology
14 for energy conservation without being subject to the requirements of G.S. 143-129,
15 143-131, and 143-132. Notwithstanding any provision of law, the City may award a
16 contract under this section in its sole discretion. The authority granted herein shall
17 expire on July 1, 2009.

18 **SECTION 2.(a)** Chapter 229 of the 1991 Session Laws is repealed.

19 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 20-97(b) reads as rewritten:

20 "(b) General Municipal Vehicle Tax. – Cities and towns may levy a tax of not
21 more than ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year upon any vehicle resident
22 in the city or town. The proceeds of the tax up to five dollars (\$5.00) may be used for
23 any lawful purpose. The proceeds of these taxes derived from any levy above five
24 dollars (\$5.00) and up to twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be used exclusively for
25 transportation-related purposes, including sidewalks."

26 **SECTION 2.(c)** This section applies to the City of Raleigh only.

27 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act is effective when it becomes law. Section
28 2 of this act is effective upon the date the City of Raleigh acts to levy an additional tax

1 under the act and is effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after
2 July 1, 2007.