

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 477**

Short Title: Halifax-Northampton Airport Authority/Leases. (Local)

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Sponsors: Representative Wray.

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Referred to: Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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March 27, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE HALIFAX-NORTHAMPTON REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MAY LEASE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE AUTHORITY WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH CERTAIN PROCEDURES REQUIRED BY STATE LAW AND THAT THE AUTHORITY MAY ENTER INTO LEASES TO OPERATE ON AIRPORT GROUNDS FOR A TERM OF FORTY YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 4 of S.L. 1997-275, as amended by S.L. 1998-130 and S.L. 2012-116, reads as rewritten:

"Section 4. (a) The Airport Authority shall constitute a body, both corporate and politic, and shall have the following powers and authority:

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(6) To ~~sell, lease, sell~~ or otherwise dispose of any property, real or personal, belonging to the Airport Authority, according to the procedures described in Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, but no sale of real property shall be made without the approval of the Halifax County Board of Commissioners, the Northampton County Board of Commissioners, and the Roanoke Rapids City Council. The procedures described in Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes shall not apply to the lease of real or personal property belonging to the Airport Authority, and any such leases may be made upon any terms and conditions deemed advisable by the Airport Authority.

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(10) To operate, own, lease, control, regulate, or grant to others, for a period not to exceed ~~25-40~~ years, the right to operate on any airport premises restaurants, snack bars, vending machines, food and beverage dispensing outlets, rental car services, catering services, novelty shops, insurance sales, advertising media, merchandising outlets, motels, hotels, barber shops, automobile parking and storage facilities, automobile service establishments, and all other types of facilities as may be directly or indirectly related to the maintenance and furnishing to the general public of a complete air terminal installation.

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**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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