

Subject City of Blaine; special taxes authorized

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Summary

This bill authorizes the city of Blaine to impose certain special taxes within a defined geographic area in the city, known as the 105th Redevelopment Area. The authorized special taxes include:

- up to three percent on food and beverage purchases, including alcoholic beverages;
- up to three percent on lodging; and
- up to three percent on admission to places of amusement, athletic events, and use of amusement devices.

The bill allows the city to use the tax revenue for construction, ongoing maintenance, and operation of the facilities within the geographic area, to pay for any bonds issued for development projects within the geographic area, and to maintain reserves. Lastly, this bill authorizes the city to issue bonds to finance development and construction projects within the area.

Any taxes imposed under this section must not terminate until after January 1, 2055.