



NC TRAVEL NEWS

A weekly newsletter on North Carolina General Assembly news relevant to the North Carolina tourism industry

Hotel Safety Bill to Move in House



Senate Bill 53 (Hotel Safety Issues), which had passed the Senate 28-16 two weeks ago, is scheduled to be heard in a House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, March 7 at 3PM.

While the Senate bill itself is new to the House, the language should look very familiar as the House version of the bill – House Bill 41 – already passed the chamber by an 84-31 vote.

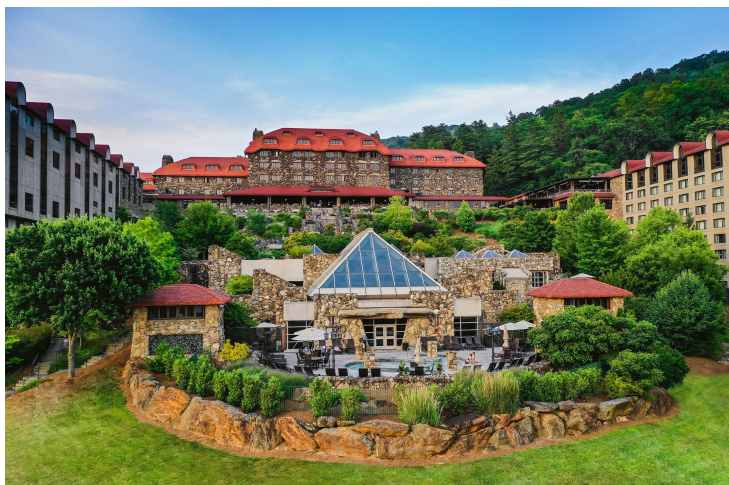
“The Senate bill is moving likely because it came over to the House before the House bill came to the Senate,” said NCTIA lobbyist Skye David.

NCTIA supports the bill, because it clears up for hoteliers that a guest is not considered a renter unless a stay exceeds 90 consecutive days. NCTIA Executive Director Vince Chelena said the bill will help hoteliers avoid costly legal fees to evict a disruptive guest.

Governor Roy Cooper vetoed the bill in April 2021.

See you in Asheville, NCTIA Members

NCTIA members are heading to Asheville for the Visit NC Tourism Conference on March 6-8 at the Omni Grove Park Inn. During the three-day gathering of the state’s tourism leaders there will be plenty of opportunity to engage with NCTIA.



First up, NCTIA will host an organizational Board of Directors meeting at 1PM on Monday, hours before the Visit NC conference officially kicks off. The agenda includes updates on the organization’s workforce development program, legislative happenings, and more.

Thought the Visit NC conference, NCTIA’s philanthropic organization – the Tourism Education Foundation of NC – will hold its annual Silent Auction. Proceeds benefit the Tourism Education Foundation of North Carolina.

“The auction’s proceeds will be designated towards academic scholarships and continuing education programs for North Carolina’s tourism industry professionals and students,” said NCTIA Executive Director Vince Chelena. “The objective is to enhance the tourism industry by developing knowledgeable, dynamic, and enlightened leadership.”

Click [here to make an online donation to the TEFNC Silent Auction.](#)

On Tuesday and Wednesday, NCTIA lobbyist Brian Lewis and Chelena will be featured presenters respectively at the conference. Lewis will take the stage on Tuesday at 4-5PM in the Grand Ballroom as he joins other organizational lobbyists to discuss the latest news regarding school calendar, occupancy tax, and more in the General Assembly.

Chelena will be a featured speaker on Wednesday from 10:10-10:40AM in the Grand Ballroom to discuss NCTIA’s efforts regarding workforce development and addressing the staffing needs of the hospitality industry.

Click [here for a full conference agenda.](#)