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Missouri House Passes HB 1564: Tax Reform for Community Development

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The Missouri House of Representatives has approved House Bill 1564, a comprehensive legislation aimed at empowering local communities through reformed taxation laws.

HB 1564, sponsored by State Representative Ann Kelley, encompasses a range of provisions designed to provide local governments with greater flexibility in generating revenue for essential purposes such as healthcare, tourism, public safety, and support for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Key provisions of HB 1564 include:

- Authorization for certain counties to impose a sales tax for hospital services upon voter approval.
- Implementation of transient guest taxes for various purposes including tourism promotion and public safety funding.
- Authorization for sales taxes on gross receipts from food sales for capital improvements and emergency services.
- Establishment of public safety sales taxes to enhance police, fire, and emergency medical services.
- Clarification on the use of funds collected for county developmental disability resource boards.

"This legislation will enable our communities to address critical needs and foster development in key areas," Kelley, R-Lamar, said. "By empowering local governments with the authority to implement targeted taxation measures, we are laying the groundwork for a stronger, more resilient Missouri."

House Speaker Dean Plocher emphasized the importance of HB 1564 in driving local economic growth and enhancing quality of life for residents. Speaker Plocher stated, "This session we have focused on reducing real property taxes, reorienting real property appraisal standards, and reducing personal property taxes. HB 1564 is another component of our broader tax reform efforts because it

requires more transparency in the creation of certain local sales taxes. Taxpayers deserve a say in what they have to pay."

The passage of HB 1564 underscores the Missouri House's commitment to reform the tax system to require more transparency at the local level. After a vote of the bill now heads to the Missouri Senate for further consideration.

Rep. Ann Kelley, a Republican, represents part of Cedar, Jasper, Barton and Dade counties, District 127 in the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Kelley was elected in November 2018. For more information, please contact Rep. Kelley at 573-751-2165 or by email at Ann.Kelley@house.mo.gov.