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H.B. No. 3217

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a hotel
occupancy tax and the use of revenue from that tax.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section **352.002**, Tax Code, is amended by adding
Subsection (cc) to read as follows:

(cc) The commissioners court of a county with a population
of more than 57,000 and less than 65,000 and that is bordered by the
Neches and Trinity Rivers may impose a tax as provided by Subsection
(a).

SECTION 2. Section **352.003**, Tax Code, is amended by adding
Subsection (aa) to read as follows:

(aa) The tax rate in a county authorized to impose the tax
under Section **352.002**(cc) may not exceed two percent of the price
paid for a room in a hotel.

SECTION 3. Section **352.1037**, Tax Code, is amended to read as
follows:

Sec. 352.1037. USE OF REVENUE: CERTAIN COUNTIES BORDERING
NECHES AND TRINITY RIVERS. (a) The revenue from a tax imposed
under this chapter by a county authorized to impose the tax under
Section **352.002**(o) may be used only to operate and maintain a
fairground in the county that has a substantial impact on tourism
and hotel activity.

(b) The revenue from a tax imposed under this chapter by a

1 county authorized to impose the tax under Section 352.002(cc) may
2 be used to repair and renovate a civic center owned by the county in
3 addition to the other purposes authorized by this chapter.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.