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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 352.1037, 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 county authorized to impose the tax under Section 352.002(cc) may be used to repair and renovate a civic center owned by the county in addition to the other purposes authorized by this chapter.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.