

1-1 By: Isaac (Senate Sponsor - Campbell) H.B. No. 4660
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
 1-3 May 4, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
 1-4 Resources & Economic Development; May 18, 2023, reported favorably
 1-5 by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 18, 2023, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue in
 1-21 certain municipalities.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 351, Tax Code, is amended
 1-24 by adding Section 351.10693 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 351.10693. ALLOCATION OF REVENUE: CERTAIN
 1-26 MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies only to a municipality:

1-27 (1) with a population of less than 3,000;

1-28 (2) through which the Blanco River flows; and

1-29 (3) that is located in a county that:

1-30 (A) is adjacent to the county in which the State
 1-31 Capitol is located; and

1-32 (B) has a population of at least 250,000.

1-33 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a
 1-34 municipality to which this section applies may use revenue from the
 1-35 municipal hotel occupancy tax for the promotion and preservation of
 1-36 dark skies through construction and maintenance of infrastructure
 1-37 and the purchase and installation of hardware that reduces light
 1-38 pollution and sky glow.

1-39 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a
 1-40 municipality to which this section applies may use revenue from the
 1-41 municipal hotel occupancy tax for promotional and event expenses
 1-42 for an ecological tourism event, including an event for which the
 1-43 primary attraction is traveling to an area of natural or ecological
 1-44 interest for the purpose of observing and learning about wildlife
 1-45 and the area's natural environment, if:

1-46 (1) a majority of the event's participants are
 1-47 tourists; and

1-48 (2) the event substantially increases economic
 1-49 activity at hotels and motels within or in the vicinity of the
 1-50 municipality.

1-51 (d) A municipality that uses revenue from the municipal
 1-52 hotel occupancy tax for a purpose described by Subsection (b) or
 1-53 (c):

1-54 (1) shall determine the amount of area hotel revenue
 1-55 attributable to events and activities related to those purposes for
 1-56 five years after the date the municipality first uses hotel
 1-57 occupancy tax revenue for a purpose described by Subsection (b) or
 1-58 (c); and

1-59 (2) may not spend municipal hotel occupancy tax
 1-60 revenue for the purposes described by Subsections (b) and (c) in a
 1-61 total amount that exceeds the amount determined under Subdivision

2-1 (1).

2-2 (e) A municipality may not spend more than 25 percent of the
2-3 municipality's annual hotel occupancy tax revenue for the purposes
2-4 described by Subsections (b) and (c).

2-5 (f) A municipality to which this section applies may not
2-6 reduce the amount of revenue that the municipality uses for a
2-7 purpose described by Section 351.101(a)(3) to an amount that is
2-8 less than the average amount of revenue used by the municipality for
2-9 that purpose during the 36-month period that precedes the
2-10 municipality's use of revenue under Subsection (b) or (c).

2-11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-15 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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