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H.B. No. 4755

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain municipalities to authorize and finance certain venue projects and to use municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue for certain of those projects; authorizing the imposition of a tax.

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

SECTION 1. Section 334.0082(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies only to a municipality that:

(1) has a population of at least 250,000 that borders the Rio Grande, and that approved a sports and community venue project before January 1, 2009; ~~or~~

(2) is located in a county adjacent to the Texas-Mexico border if:

(A) the county has a population of at least 500,000;

(B) the county does not have a city located within it that has a population of at least 500,000; and

(C) the municipality is the largest municipality in the county described by this subdivision; or

(3) has a population of not more than 25,000, that contains a cultural heritage museum, and that is located in a county that borders the United Mexican States and the Gulf of Mexico.

SECTION 2. Section 351.001(7), Tax Code, is amended to read

1 as follows:

2 (7) "Eligible central municipality" means:

3 (A) a municipality with a population of more than  
4 140,000 but less than 1.5 million that is located in a county with a  
5 population of one million or more and that has adopted a capital  
6 improvement plan for the construction or expansion of a convention  
7 center facility;

8 (B) a municipality with a population of 250,000  
9 or more that:

10 (i) is located wholly or partly on a barrier  
11 island that borders the Gulf of Mexico;

12 (ii) is located in a county with a  
13 population of 300,000 or more; and

14 (iii) has adopted a capital improvement  
15 plan to expand an existing convention center facility;

16 (C) a municipality with a population of 200,000  
17 or more that:

18 (i) is located in two counties both of which  
19 have a population of 900,000 or more; and

20 (ii) has adopted a capital improvement plan  
21 for the construction or expansion of a convention center facility;

22 (D) a municipality with a population of less than  
23 50,000 that contains a general academic teaching institution that  
24 is not a component institution of a university system, as those  
25 terms are defined by Section 61.003, Education Code; ~~[ex]~~

26 (E) a municipality with a population of 640,000  
27 or more that:

(i) is located on an international border;  
and

(ii) has adopted a capital improvement plan  
for the construction or expansion of a convention center facility;  
or

(F) a municipality that has a population of not  
more than 25,000, that contains a cultural heritage museum, and  
that is located in a county that borders the United Mexican States  
and the Gulf of Mexico.

SECTION 3. Section 351.003, Tax Code, is amended by adding  
Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The rate in a municipality described by Section  
351.001(7)(F) may not exceed nine percent of the price paid for a  
room. The municipality shall allocate for the construction,  
expansion, maintenance, financing, operation, or debt service of a  
convention center or multiuse facility all revenue received by the  
municipality that is derived from the application of the tax at a  
rate of more than seven percent of the price paid for a room in a  
hotel.

SECTION 4. Section 351.101, Tax Code, is amended by adding  
Subsection (u) to read as follows:

(u) In addition to other authorized uses, a municipality  
described by Section 351.001(7)(F) may use revenue from the  
municipal hotel occupancy tax to pay costs associated with the  
construction, expansion, maintenance, financing, operation, or  
debt service of a convention center or multiuse facility.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.