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H.B. No. 2605

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the financing and administration of certain venue
3 projects and related infrastructure; authorizing the imposition of
4 certain local taxes and the issuance of local bonds.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 334.001(4), Local Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (4) "Venue" means:

9 (A) an arena, coliseum, stadium, or other type of
10 area or facility:

11 (i) that is used or is planned for use for
12 one or more professional or amateur sports events, community
13 events, or other sports events, including rodeos, livestock shows,
14 agricultural expositions, promotional events, and other civic or
15 charitable events; and

16 (ii) for which a fee for admission to the
17 events is charged or is planned to be charged;

18 (B) a convention center facility or related
19 improvement such as a convention center, civic center, civic center
20 building, civic center hotel, auditorium, theater, opera house,
21 music hall, exhibition hall, rehearsal hall, park, zoological park,
22 museum, aquarium, or plaza located in the vicinity of a convention
23 center or facility owned by a municipality or a county;

24 (C) a tourist development area along an inland

1 waterway;

2 (D) a municipal parks and recreation system, or
3 improvements or additions to a parks and recreation system, or an
4 area or facility that is part of a municipal parks and recreation
5 system; ~~and~~

6 (E) a project authorized by Section 4A or 4B,
7 Development Corporation Act of 1979 (Article 5190.6, Vernon's Texas
8 Civil Statutes), as that Act existed on September 1, 1997; and

9 (F) a tourist development area located in the
10 vicinity of a convention center facility owned by a municipality or
11 county.

12 SECTION 2. Section 334.043(d), Local Government Code, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (d) The bonds or other obligations may mature serially or
15 otherwise not more than 40 [~~30~~] years from their date of issuance.

16 SECTION 3. Section 334.083(a), Local Government Code, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (a) The rate of a tax adopted under this subchapter must be
19 one-eighth, one-fourth, three-eighths, [~~or~~] one-half, or
20 five-eighths of one percent.

21 SECTION 4. Section 334.103(a), Local Government Code, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (a) The tax authorized by this subchapter is imposed at a
24 rate in increments of one-eighth of one percent, not to exceed six
25 [~~five~~] percent, on the gross rental receipts from the rental in the
26 municipality or county of a motor vehicle.

27 SECTION 5. Section 334.152(b), Local Government Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (b) The amount of the tax may be imposed at any uniform
3 percentage not to exceed five [~~10~~] percent of the price of the
4 ticket sold as admission to an event held at an approved venue.

5 SECTION 6. Section 334.201(b), Local Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The municipality or county may impose the tax during a
8 period beginning not more than four [~~three~~] hours before and ending
9 not more than four [~~three~~] hours after the time an event in an
10 approved venue project is scheduled to begin. The municipality or
11 county may not impose the tax under this subchapter during any other
12 time.

13 SECTION 7. Section 334.254(a), Local Government Code, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (a) The tax authorized by this subchapter may be imposed by
16 a municipality or county at any rate not to exceed three [~~two~~]
17 percent of the price paid for a room in a hotel.

18 SECTION 8. Section 334.303(b), Local Government Code, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (b) The amount of the tax may be imposed at any uniform
21 monetary amount not to exceed \$5,500 [~~\$5,000~~] a game.

22 SECTION 9. Section 335.031(a), Local Government Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (a) A district is governed by a board of at least six [~~four~~]
25 directors.

26 SECTION 10. Section 335.053(d), Local Government Code, is
27 amended to read as follows:

1 (d) If the comptroller does not comply with Subsection (b)
2 before the 60th [~~30th~~] day after the date the comptroller receives
3 the appeal or request for information, the comptroller is
4 considered to have determined that approval and implementation of
5 the resolution will not have a significant negative fiscal impact
6 on state revenue.

7 SECTION 11. Section 335.071(a), Local Government Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (a) A district may:

10 (1) perform any act necessary to the full exercise of
11 the district's powers;

12 (2) accept a gift, grant, or loan from [~~a~~]:

13 (A) a department or agency of the United States;

14 (B) a department, agency, or political
15 subdivision of this state; [~~or~~]

16 (C) a public or private person; or

17 (D) any other entity;

18 (3) acquire, sell, lease, convey, or otherwise dispose
19 of property or an interest in property, including a right-of-way or
20 easement or an approved venue project, under terms and conditions
21 determined by the district;

22 (4) employ necessary personnel; and

23 (5) adopt rules to govern the operation of the
24 district and its employees and property.

25 SECTION 12. Section 335.073(d), Local Government Code, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (d) The bonds or other obligations may mature serially or

1 otherwise not more than 40 [~~30~~] years from their date of issuance.

2 SECTION 13. This Act takes effect immediately if it
3 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
4 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
5 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
6 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.