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H.B. No. 1009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of state hotel occupancy tax revenue to clean and maintain beaches in certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 156.2512, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 156.2512. ALLOCATION OF REVENUE TO CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) Not later than the last day of the month following a calendar quarter, the comptroller shall:

(1) compute the amount of revenue derived from the collection of taxes imposed under this chapter at a rate of one percent and received from hotels located in an eligible barrier island ~~[general-law]~~ coastal municipality; and

(2) issue to the eligible barrier island ~~[general-law]~~ coastal municipality a warrant drawn on the general revenue fund in the amount computed under Subdivision (1).

(b) An eligible barrier island ~~[general-law]~~ coastal municipality may use money received under this section only to clean and maintain public beaches in that municipality.

(c) In this section:

(1) "Eligible barrier island ~~[general-law]~~ coastal municipality" means a ~~[general-law]~~ municipality:

(A) that has a population of less than 10,000 ~~[5,000]~~;

(B) that borders on the Gulf of Mexico; [~~and~~]

(C) that is located wholly on a barrier island;

and

(D) the boundaries of which are within 30 miles of the United Mexican States.

(2) "Clean and maintain" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.063, Natural Resources Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.