

1-1 By: Gallego (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 4781  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2009;  
1-3 May 14, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 International Relations and Trade; May 20, 2009, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 20, 2009, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the imposition and rate of the county hotel occupancy  
1-10 tax in certain counties.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 352.002, Tax Code, is amended by adding  
1-13 Subsection (m) to read as follows:

1-14 (m) A tax imposed by a county that borders the United  
1-15 Mexican States and in which there is located a national park of more  
1-16 than 400,000 acres does not apply to a hotel located in a  
1-17 municipality that imposes a tax under Chapter 351 applicable to the  
1-18 hotel.

1-19 SECTION 2. Section 352.003(d), Tax Code, is amended to read  
1-20 as follows:

1-21 (d) The tax rate in a county that borders the United Mexican  
1-22 States and in which there is located a national park of more than  
1-23 400,000 acres [~~authorized to impose the tax under Section~~  
1-24 ~~352.002(a)(12)] may not exceed seven [~~three~~] percent of the price  
1-25 paid for a room in a hotel.~~

1-26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-28 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-29 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-30 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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