1-1 By: Duncan S.B. No. 959 1-2 1-3 (In the Senate - Filed February 19, 2009; March 9, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Relations; March 30, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; March 30, 2009, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-6 1-7 AN ACT

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

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

(h) The commissioners court of a county with a population of more than 16,000 that is bordered by Lake J. B. Thomas may impose a tax as provided by Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. Section 352.003, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (1) to read as follows:

(1) The tax rate in a county authorized to impose the tax under Section 352.002(h) may not exceed four percent of the price paid for a room in a hotel.

SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Tax Code, is amended

by adding Section 352.1036 to read as follows:

Sec. 352.1036. USE OF REVENUE: COUNTIES BORDERING LAKE J. B. THOMAS. The revenue from a tax imposed under this chapter by a county authorized to impose the tax under Section 352.002(h) may be used only to operate and maintain a coliseum in the county.

SECTION 4. 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, 2009.

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