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H.B. No. 1315

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue in  
3 certain municipalities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 351, Tax Code, is amended  
6 by adding Section 351.1066 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 351.1066. ALLOCATION OF REVENUE: CERTAIN  
8 MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies only to:

9 (1) a municipality with a population of at least 3,500  
10 but less than 5,500 that is the county seat of a county with a  
11 population of less than 50,000 that borders a county with a  
12 population of more than 1.6 million; and

13 (2) a municipality with a population of at least 2,900  
14 but less than 3,500 that is the county seat of a county with a  
15 population of less than 22,000 that is bordered by the Trinity River  
16 and includes a state park and a portion of a wildlife management  
17 area.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a  
19 municipality to which this section applies may use all or any  
20 portion of the revenue derived from the municipal hotel occupancy  
21 tax for:

22 (1) a business recruitment project to substantially  
23 enhance hotel activity and encourage tourism; and

24 (2) if requested and approved by a majority of the

1 hotel owners or managers in the municipality, the construction,  
2 enlarging, equipping, improvement, maintenance, repairing and  
3 operation of a recreational facility to substantially enhance hotel  
4 activity and encourage tourism.

5         SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.