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H.B. No. 253

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. Section 351.101(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (a) Revenue from the municipal hotel occupancy tax may be
8 used only to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry,
9 and that use is limited to the following:

10 (1) the acquisition of sites for and the construction,
11 improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operation, and
12 maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information
13 centers, or both;

14 (2) the furnishing of facilities, personnel, and
15 materials for the registration of convention delegates or
16 registrants;

17 (3) advertising and conducting solicitations and
18 promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates
19 or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity;

20 (4) the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and
21 application of the arts, including instrumental and vocal music,
22 dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and
23 allied fields, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft
24 arts, motion pictures, radio, television, tape and sound recording,

1 and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution,
2 and exhibition of these major art forms;

3 (5) historical restoration and preservation projects
4 or activities or advertising and conducting solicitations and
5 promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention
6 delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums:

7 (A) at or in the immediate vicinity of convention
8 center facilities or visitor information centers; or

9 (B) located elsewhere in the municipality or its
10 vicinity that would be frequented by tourists and convention
11 delegates;

12 (6) for a municipality located in a county with a
13 population of one million or less, expenses, including promotion
14 expenses, directly related to a sporting event in which the
15 majority of participants are tourists who substantially increase
16 economic activity at hotels and motels within the municipality or
17 its vicinity;

18 (7) subject to Section 351.1076, the promotion of
19 tourism by the enhancement and upgrading of existing sports
20 facilities or fields, including facilities or fields for baseball,
21 softball, soccer, and flag football, if:

22 (A) the municipality owns the facilities or
23 fields;

24 (B) the municipality:

25 (i) has a population of 80,000 or more and
26 is located in a county that has a population of 350,000 or less;

27 (ii) has a population of at least 75,000 but

1 not more than 95,000 and is located in a county that has a
2 population of less than 200,000 but more than 160,000;

3 (iii) has a population of at least 36,000
4 but not more than 39,000 and is located in a county that has a
5 population of 100,000 or less that is not adjacent to a county with
6 a population of more than two million;

7 (iv) has a population of at least 13,000 but
8 less than 39,000 and is located in a county that has a population of
9 at least 200,000;

10 (v) has a population of at least 70,000 but
11 less than 90,000 and no part of which is located in a county with a
12 population greater than 150,000;

13 (vi) is located in a county that:

14 (a) is adjacent to the Texas-Mexico
15 border;

16 (b) has a population of at least
17 500,000; and

18 (c) does not have a municipality with
19 a population greater than 500,000; or

20 (vii) has a population of at least 25,000
21 but not more than ~~that~~ 26,000 and is located in a county that has a
22 population of 90,000 or less; and

23 (C) the sports facilities and fields have been
24 used, in the preceding calendar year, a combined total of more than
25 10 times for district, state, regional, or national sports
26 tournaments;

27 (8) for a municipality with a population of at least

1 70,000 but less than 90,000, no part of which is located in a county
2 with a population greater than 150,000, the construction,
3 improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operation, and
4 maintenance of a coliseum or multiuse facility;

5 (9) signage directing the public to sights and
6 attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the
7 municipality;

8 (10) the construction of a recreational venue in the
9 immediate vicinity of area hotels, if:

10 (A) the municipality:

11 (i) is a general-law municipality;

12 (ii) has a population of not more than 900;

13 and

14 (iii) does not impose an ad valorem tax;

15 (B) not more than \$100,000 of municipal hotel
16 occupancy tax revenue is used for the construction of the
17 recreational venue;

18 (C) a majority of the hotels in the municipality
19 request the municipality to construct the recreational venue;

20 (D) the recreational venue will be used primarily
21 by hotel guests; and

22 (E) the municipality will pay for maintenance of
23 the recreational venue from the municipality's general fund;

24 (11) the construction, improvement, enlarging,
25 equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of a coliseum or
26 multiuse facility, if the municipality:

27 (A) has a population of at least 90,000 but less

1 than 120,000; and

2 (B) is located in two counties, at least one of
3 which contains the headwaters of the San Gabriel River; ~~and~~

4 (12) for a municipality with a population of more than
5 175,000 but less than 225,000 that is located in two counties, each
6 of which has a population of less than 200,000, the construction,
7 improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operation, and
8 maintenance of a coliseum or multiuse facility and related
9 infrastructure or a venue, as defined by Section 334.001(4), Local
10 Government Code, that is related to the promotion of tourism; and

11 (13) for a municipality with a population of at least
12 3,000 but less than 4,000 that was incorporated before January 1,
13 1956, and that is located in a county with a population of 1.5
14 million or more that is within 200 miles of an international border:

15 (A) construction, enlargement, equipment,
16 improvement, maintenance, repair, and operation of recreational
17 facilities;

18 (B) repair and maintenance of streets and other
19 infrastructure in the municipality that is used by tourists and
20 hotel guests and is related to meeting and recreational facilities;
21 and

22 (C) police and fire protection provided to hotel
23 properties and guests of those properties.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.