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H.B. No. 3296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the rates of municipal and county hotel occupancy taxes  
3 in certain municipalities and counties and the use of certain  
4 revenue from those taxes; changing the rates of taxes.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 352.003, Tax Code, is amended by adding  
7 Subsections (i-1) and (i-2) to read as follows:

8 (i-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (i), the tax rate in a  
9 county authorized to impose the tax under Section 352.002(g) may  
10 not exceed 2.75 percent of the price paid for a room in a hotel if:

11 (1) the convention and visitors bureau within the  
12 county executes a preferred access facilities contract with a major  
13 state university based in the county for the purpose of promoting  
14 tourism in the county;

15 (2) the county allocates, for payments to the  
16 university under the contract described by Subdivision (1) to be  
17 used for the renovation of a stadium located in the county and owned  
18 by the university, the portion of the revenue received by the county  
19 that is derived from the application of the tax at a rate of more  
20 than two percent of the price paid for a room in a hotel; and

21 (3) not more than 30 years have passed from the date  
22 bonds were originally issued by the university to finance a stadium  
23 renovation project for the stadium described by Subdivision (2).

24 (i-2) Subsection (i-1) and this subsection expire on the

1 date the county commissioners court certifies that all debt  
2 relating to the stadium renovation project payable from the tax,  
3 including interest and any costs relating to the debt, has been paid  
4 in full or a deposit has been made and an escrow agreement in  
5 relation to the debt has been executed.

6 SECTION 2. Section 352.1034(b), Tax Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (b) The county must spend at least 20 [~~45~~] percent of the  
9 revenue from the tax on marketing projects that directly promote  
10 tourism, hotel, and convention activity.

11 SECTION 3. Section 351.0035, Tax Code, is repealed.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.