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S.B. No. 1276

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy taxes in certain
3 municipalities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 351.101, Tax Code, is amended by adding
6 Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) In addition to the uses authorized by Subsection (a),
8 a municipality with a population of less than 10,000 that is the
9 county seat of a county with a population of less than 80,000 and
10 that is adjacent to a state park that suffered severe damage from a
11 wildfire may use revenue derived from the tax authorized by this
12 chapter to acquire fire suppression vehicles and construct fire
13 protection facilities to promote and encourage tourism by ensuring
14 the enhanced safety of tourists.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.