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S.B. No. 1102

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of certain municipalities to pledge  
3 revenue from the municipal hotel occupancy tax for the payment of  
4 obligations related to hotel projects.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 351.102(b), Tax Code, is amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 (b) An eligible central municipality, ~~[or]~~ a municipality  
9 with a population of 173,000 or more that is located within two or  
10 more counties, or a municipality with a population of 96,000 or more  
11 that is located in a county that borders Lake Palestine may pledge  
12 the revenue derived from the tax imposed under this chapter from a  
13 hotel project that is owned by or located on land owned by or that  
14 will be owned by the municipality or, in an eligible central  
15 municipality, by a nonprofit corporation acting on behalf of an  
16 eligible central municipality, and that is located within 1,000  
17 feet of a convention center facility owned by the municipality for  
18 the payment of bonds or other obligations issued or incurred to  
19 acquire, lease, construct, and equip the hotel and any facilities  
20 ancillary to the hotel, including convention center  
21 entertainment-related facilities, meeting spaces, public spaces,  
22 including open public spaces used for connectivity, plazas,  
23 restaurants, shops, street and water and sewer infrastructure, and  
24 parking facilities within 1,000 feet of the hotel or convention

1 center facility. For bonds or other obligations issued under this  
2 subsection, an eligible central municipality or a municipality  
3 described by this subsection [~~with a population of 173,000 or more~~  
4 ~~that is located within two counties~~] may only pledge revenue or  
5 other assets of the hotel project benefiting from those bonds or  
6 other obligations.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.