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S.B. No. 942

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue in certain municipalities.

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

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

(n) In addition to other authorized uses, a municipality that has a population of not more than 1,500 and is located in a county that borders Arkansas and Louisiana may use revenue from the municipal hotel occupancy tax for the promotion of tourism by the enhancement and upgrading of an existing sports facility or field as specified by Subsection (a)(7), provided that the requirements of Subsections (a)(7)(A) and (C) and Section 351.1076 are met.

SECTION 2. Section 351.1076(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A municipality that spends municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue for the enhancement and upgrading of existing sports facilities or fields as authorized by Section 351.101(a)(7) or (n):

(1) shall determine the amount of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue generated for the municipality by hotel activity attributable to the sports events and tournaments held on the enhanced or upgraded facilities or fields for five years after the date the enhancements and upgrades are completed; and

(2) may not spend hotel occupancy tax revenue for the

1 enhancement and upgrading of the facilities or fields in a total  
2 amount that exceeds the amount of area hotel revenue attributable  
3 to the enhancements and upgrades.

4         SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.