By:  King of Uvalde (Senate Sponsor - Gutierrez) H.B. No. 2209

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021; May 12, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Birdwell        X

Zaffirini       X

Alvarado        X

Hancock         X

Hinojosa        X

Hughes          X

Kolkhorst       X

Lucio           X

Seliger         X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 351, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 351.1069 to read as follows:

Sec. 351.1069.  ALLOCATION OF REVENUE: CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. In addition to other authorized uses, a municipality described by Section 351.1066(a)(6) may use revenue derived from the tax imposed under this chapter to promote tourism by enhancing and upgrading an existing sports facility or field, provided that the municipality complies with Section 351.1076.

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), Section 351.1069, or Section 351.10711:

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

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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