S.B. No. 2181

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1.  Section 334.2515, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 334.2515.  APPLICATION. Except as provided by Sections [~~Section~~] 334.2516 and 334.2518, this subchapter does not apply to the financing of a venue project that is:

(1)  an area described by Section 334.001(4)(C);

(2)  an area or facility that is part of a municipal parks and recreation system as described by Section 334.001(4)(D);

(3)  a project described by Section 334.001(4)(E), except for a project described by Section 334.001(4)(A); or

(4)  a facility described by Section 334.001(4)(G).

SECTION 2.  Subchapter H, Chapter 334, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 334.2518 to read as follows:

Sec. 334.2518.  USE OF REVENUE BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR CERTAIN PARK FACILITIES. (a) This section applies only to a municipality that has a population of more than 1 million but less than 1.3 million.

(b)  Subject to Subsection (c), a municipality to which this section applies may acquire, construct, and improve a venue project that is an amphitheater, arena, exhibit hall, music hall, or stadium located within a municipally owned park that is at least 100 acres in size and all or part of which is designated as a national historic landmark district, if the applicable type of facility is specifically listed in the ballot proposition for a venue project for the expansion of an existing convention center facility that primarily hosts conventions and has at least one million square feet of meeting space.

(c)  A municipality may not spend more than 20 percent of the revenue from the convention center facility expansion venue project described by Subsection (b) for costs related to an amphitheater, arena, exhibit hall, music hall, or stadium located within a municipally owned park.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2181 passed the Senate on May 12, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2181 passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 106, Nays 41, two present not voting.

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Approved:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_             Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_           Governor