1-1 By: Harris (Senate Sponsor - Nichols)   H.B. No. 3217
1-2   (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2021;
1-3 May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources & Economic Development; May 21, 2021, reported favorably
1-5 by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7   COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Birdwell	X			
1-10	Zaffirini	X			
1-11	Alvarado	X			
1-12	Hancock	X			
1-13	Hinojosa	X			
1-14	Hughes	X			
1-15	Kolkhorst	X			
1-16	Lucio	X			
1-17	Seliger	X			

1-18   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-19   AN ACT

1-20 relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a hotel
1-21 occupancy tax and the use of revenue from that tax.
1-22   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-23   SECTION 1.   Section 352.002, Tax Code, is amended by adding
1-24 Subsection (cc) to read as follows:
1-25   (cc)   The commissioners court of a county with a population
1-26 of more than 57,000 and less than 65,000 and that is bordered by the
1-27 Neches and Trinity Rivers may impose a tax as provided by Subsection
1-28 (a).
1-29   SECTION 2.   Section 352.003, Tax Code, is amended by adding
1-30 Subsection (aa) to read as follows:
1-31   (aa)   The tax rate in a county authorized to impose the tax
1-32 under Section 352.002(cc) may not exceed two percent of the price
1-33 paid for a room in a hotel.
1-34   SECTION 3.   Section 352.1037, Tax Code, is amended to read as
1-35 follows:
1-36   Sec. 352.1037. USE OF REVENUE: CERTAIN COUNTIES BORDERING
1-37 NECHES AND TRINITY RIVERS. (a)   The revenue from a tax imposed
1-38 under this chapter by a county authorized to impose the tax under
1-39 Section 352.002(o) may be used only to operate and maintain a
1-40 fairground in the county that has a substantial impact on tourism
1-41 and hotel activity.
1-42   (b)   The revenue from a tax imposed under this chapter by a
1-43 county authorized to impose the tax under Section 352.002(cc) may
1-44 be used to repair and renovate a civic center owned by the county in
1-45 addition to the other purposes authorized by this chapter.
1-46   SECTION 4.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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