

AN ACT

relating to the suspension or revocation of a hotel's certificate of occupancy by a municipality for suspected human trafficking.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 215, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 215.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 215.007. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF HOTEL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY. (a) In this section:

(1) "Hotel" has the meaning assigned by Section 156.001, Tax Code.

(2) "Human trafficking activity" means conduct that constitutes an offense under Section 20A.02 or 20A.03, Penal Code.

(b) The governing body of a municipality may suspend or revoke a certificate of occupancy for a hotel located in the municipality if:

(1) a law enforcement officer provides an affidavit of probable cause swearing that criminal human trafficking activity is occurring in the hotel;

(2) a court with criminal jurisdiction in the county in which the hotel is located issues an order stating the court's finding of probable cause that human trafficking activity is occurring at the hotel; and

(3) the municipality follows the procedures described by Subsection (d) before suspending or revoking the certificate of

1 occupancy.

2 (c) This section does not limit a hotel owner's or
3 operator's right to a public hearing and to present evidence at a
4 proceeding regarding the suspension or revocation of a certificate
5 of occupancy.

6 (d) A municipality that seeks to suspend or revoke a
7 certificate of occupancy for a hotel under this section shall
8 follow procedures that are consistent with the suspension or
9 revocation of a certificate of occupancy for any other type of
10 business or use of land within the municipality.

11 (e) This section may not be construed to create a private
12 cause of action.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

H.B. No. 5509

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 5509 was passed by the House on May 16, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 118, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 5509 on May 30, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 120, Nays 16, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 5509 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor