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H.B. No. 5509

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 5509:

By: Bell of Montgomery

C.S.H.B. No. 5509

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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, "hotel" has the meaning assigned  
by Section 156.001, Tax 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 agency gives notice to the  
municipality, or the municipality otherwise learns, that the law  
enforcement agency is investigating the hotel for an offense under  
Chapter 20A, Penal Code; or

(2) the municipality has reasonable cause to believe  
that an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code, is being committed at  
the hotel.

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

(d) A municipality that seeks to suspend or revoke a

1 certificate of occupancy for a hotel under this section shall  
2 follow procedures that are consistent with the suspension or  
3 revocation of a certificate of occupancy for any other type of  
4 business or use of land within the municipality.

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

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