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H.B. No. 5509

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the suspension or revocation of a hotel's or motel'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 OR MOTEL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY. The governing body of a municipality may suspend or revoke a certificate of occupancy for a hotel or motel 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 or motel 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 or motel.

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