

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 HB3629

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/5-1030

from Ch. 34, par. 5-1030

Amends the Counties Code, if and only if Senate Bill 1859 of the 98th General Assembly, as introduced in the Senate, becomes law. Provides that a Tourism Facility Board shall be comprised of a representative from the county and from each municipality within the county (rather than each municipality that has approved the imposition of the tax). Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. If and only if Senate Bill 1859 of the 98th General Assembly, as introduced in the Senate, becomes law, then the Counties Code is amended by changing Section 5-1030 as follows:
- 8 (55 ILCS 5/5-1030) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-1030)
- 9 Sec. 5-1030. Hotel rooms, tax on gross rental receipts.
- The corporate authorities of any county may by 10 11 ordinance impose a tax upon all persons engaged in such county in the business of renting, leasing or letting rooms in a hotel 12 which is not located within a city, village, or incorporated 13 14 town that imposes a tax under Section 8-3-14 of the Illinois Municipal Code, as defined in "The Hotel Operators' Occupation 15 16 Tax Act", at a rate not to exceed 5% of the gross rental 17 receipts from such renting, leasing or letting, excluding, however, from gross rental receipts, the proceeds of such 18 19 renting, leasing or letting to permanent residents of that 20 hotel, and may provide for the administration and enforcement 21 of the tax, and for the collection thereof from the persons 22 subject to the tax, as the corporate authorities determine to be necessary or practicable for the effective administration of 23

1 the tax.

2 (b) With the consent of municipalities representing at least 67% of the population of Winnebago County, as determined 3 by the 2010 federal decennial census and as expressed by 5 of the corporate authorities 6 municipalities, the county board of Winnebago County may, by 7 ordinance, impose a tax upon all persons engaged in the county 8 in the business of renting, leasing, or letting rooms in a 9 hotel that imposes a tax under Section 8-3-14 of the Illinois 10 Municipal Code, as defined in "The Hotel Operators' Occupation 11 Tax Act", at a rate not to exceed 2% of the gross rental 12 receipts from renting, leasing, or letting, excluding, 13 however, from gross rental receipts, the proceeds of the 14 renting, leasing, or letting to permanent residents of that 15 hotel, and may provide for the administration and enforcement 16 of the tax, and for the collection thereof from the persons 17 subject to the tax, as the county board determines to be necessary or practicable for the effective administration of 18 19 the tax. The tax shall be instituted on a county-wide basis and 20 shall be in addition to any tax imposed by this or any other 21 provision of law. The revenue generated under this subsection 22 shall be accounted for and segregated from all other funds of 23 the county and shall be utilized solely for either: 24 encouraging, supporting, marketing, constructing, 25 operating, either directly by the county or through other taxing bodies within the county, sports, arts, or other 26

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- entertainment or tourism facilities or programs for the purpose of promoting tourism, competitiveness, job growth, and for the general health and well-being of the citizens of the county; or (2) payment towards debt services on bonds issued for the purposes set forth in this subsection.
 - (c) A Tourism Facility Board shall be established, comprised of a representative from the county and from each municipality within the county that has approved the imposition of the tax under subsection (b) of this Section.
 - (1) A Board member's vote is weighted based on the municipality's population relative to the population of the county, with the county representing the population within unincorporated areas of the county. Representatives from the Rockford Park District and Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau shall serve as ex-officio members with no voting rights.
 - (2) The Board must meet not less frequently than once per year to direct the use of revenues collected from the tax imposed under subsection (b) of this Section that are not already directed for use pursuant an intergovernmental agreement between the county and another entity represented on the Board, including the ex-officio members, and for any other reason the Board deems necessary. Affirmative actions of the Board shall require a weighted vote of Board members representing not less than 67% of the population of the county.

(3) The Board shall not be a separate unit of local
government, shall have no paid staff, and members of the
Board shall receive no compensation or reimbursement of
expenses from proceeds of the tax imposed under subsection
(b) of this Section.

(d) Persons subject to any tax imposed pursuant to authority granted by this Section may reimburse themselves for their tax liability for such tax by separately stating such tax as an additional charge, which charge may be stated in combination, in a single amount, with State tax imposed under "The Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Act".

Nothing in this Section shall be construed to authorize a county to impose a tax upon the privilege of engaging in any business which under the Constitution of the United States may not be made the subject of taxation by this State.

An ordinance or resolution imposing a tax hereunder or effecting a change in the rate thereof shall be effective on the first day of the calendar month next following its passage and required publication.

The amounts collected by any county pursuant to this Section shall be expended to promote tourism; conventions; expositions; theatrical, sports and cultural activities within that county or otherwise to attract nonresident overnight visitors to the county.

Any county may agree with any unit of local government, including any authority defined as a metropolitan exposition,

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auditorium and office building authority, fair and exposition authority, exposition and auditorium authority, or civic center authority created pursuant to provisions of Illinois law and the territory of which unit of local government or authority is co-extensive with or wholly within such county, to impose and collect for a period not to exceed 40 years, any portion or all of the tax authorized pursuant to this Section and to transmit such tax so collected to such unit of local government or authority. The amount so paid shall be expended by any such unit of local government or authority for the purposes for which such tax is authorized. Any such agreement must be authorized by resolution or ordinance, as the case may be, of such county and unit of local government or authority, and such agreement may provide for the irrevocable imposition and collection of said tax at such rate, or amount as limited by a given rate, as may be agreed upon for the full period of time set forth in such agreement; and such agreement may further provide for any other terms as deemed necessary or advisable by such county and such unit of local government or authority. Any such agreement shall be binding and enforceable by either party to such agreement. Such agreement entered into pursuant to this Section shall not in any event constitute an indebtedness of such county subject to any limitation imposed by statute or otherwise.

25 (Source: P.A. 86-962; 09800SB1859eng.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

becoming law. 1