



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB4990

by Rep. Fred Crespo

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 665/8b

Amends the Illinois Promotion Act. Provides that grants from the Tourism Promotion Fund awarded to a unit of local government, municipal convention center, or convention center authority may be made by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity from appropriations for those purposes for any fiscal year, without regard to the fact that the qualification or obligation may have occurred in a prior fiscal year. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall submit a report on the effectiveness of the program no later than January 1, 2022 (currently, January 1, 2020). Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Promotion Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 8b as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 665/8b)

7 Sec. 8b. Municipal convention center and sports facility  
8 attraction grants.

9 (a) Until July 1, 2020, the Department is authorized to  
10 make grants, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly,  
11 from the Tourism Promotion Fund to a unit of local government,  
12 municipal convention center, or convention center authority  
13 that provides incentives, as defined in subsection (i) of  
14 Section 3 of this Act, for the purpose of attracting  
15 conventions, meetings, and trade shows to municipal convention  
16 centers and attracting sporting events to municipal amateur  
17 sports facilities. Grants awarded under this Section shall be  
18 based on the net proceeds received under the Hotel Operators'  
19 Occupation Tax Act for the renting, leasing, or letting of  
20 hotel rooms in the municipality for the month in which the  
21 convention, meeting, trade show, or sporting event occurs.  
22 Grants shall not exceed 80% of the incentive amount provided by  
23 the unit of local government, municipal convention center, or

1 convention center authority. Further, in no event may the  
2 aggregate amount of grants awarded to a single municipal  
3 convention center, convention center authority, or municipal  
4 amateur sports facility exceed \$200,000 in any calendar year.  
5 The Department may, by rule, require any other provisions it  
6 deems necessary in order to protect the State's interest in  
7 administering this program.

8 (b) No later than May 15 of each year, through May 15,  
9 2020, the unit of local government, municipal convention  
10 center, or convention center authority shall certify to the  
11 Department the amounts of funds expended in the previous fiscal  
12 year to provide qualified incentives; however, in no event may  
13 the certified amount pursuant to this paragraph exceed \$200,000  
14 for any municipal convention center, convention center  
15 authority, or municipal amateur sports facility in any calendar  
16 year. The unit of local government, convention center, or  
17 convention center authority shall certify (A) the net proceeds  
18 received under the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Act for the  
19 renting, leasing, or letting of hotel rooms in the municipality  
20 for the month in which the convention, meeting, or trade show  
21 occurs and (B) the average of the net proceeds received under  
22 the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Act for the renting,  
23 leasing, or letting of hotel rooms in the municipality for the  
24 same month in the 3 immediately preceding years. The unit of  
25 local government, municipal convention center, or convention  
26 center authority shall include the incentive amounts as part of

1 its regular audit.

2 (b-5) Grants awarded to a unit of local government,  
3 municipal convention center, or convention center authority  
4 may be made by the Department of Commerce and Economic  
5 Opportunity from appropriations for those purposes for any  
6 fiscal year, without regard to the fact that the qualification  
7 or obligation may have occurred in a prior fiscal year.

8 (c) The Department shall submit a report on the  
9 effectiveness of the program established under this Section to  
10 the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2022 ~~January 1,~~  
11 ~~2020~~.

12 (Source: P.A. 99-476, eff. 8-27-15.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.