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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2899

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2899 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by changing Section 605-705 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-705) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.6a)

8 Sec. 605-705. Grants to local tourism and convention
9 bureaus.

10 (a) To establish a grant program for local tourism and
11 convention bureaus. The Department will develop and implement a
12 program for the use of funds, as authorized under this Act, by
13 local tourism and convention bureaus. For the purposes of this
14 Act, bureaus eligible to receive funds are those local tourism
15 and convention bureaus that are (i) either units of local
16 government or incorporated as not-for-profit organizations;

1 (ii) in legal existence for a minimum of 2 years before July 1,
2 2001; (iii) operating with a paid, full-time staff whose sole
3 purpose is to promote tourism in the designated service area;
4 and (iv) affiliated with one or more municipalities or counties
5 that support the bureau with local hotel-motel taxes. After
6 July 1, 2001, bureaus requesting certification in order to
7 receive funds for the first time must be local tourism and
8 convention bureaus that are (i) either units of local
9 government or incorporated as not-for-profit organizations;
10 (ii) in legal existence for a minimum of 2 years before the
11 request for certification; (iii) operating with a paid,
12 full-time staff whose sole purpose is to promote tourism in the
13 designated service area; and (iv) affiliated with multiple
14 municipalities or counties that support the bureau with local
15 hotel-motel taxes. Each bureau receiving funds under this Act
16 will be certified by the Department as the designated recipient
17 to serve an area of the State. Notwithstanding the criteria set
18 forth in this subsection (a), or any rule adopted under this
19 subsection (a), the Director of the Department may provide for
20 the award of grant funds to one or more entities if in the
21 Department's judgment that action is necessary in order to
22 prevent a loss of funding critical to promoting tourism in a
23 designated geographic area of the State.

24 (b) To distribute grants to local tourism and convention
25 bureaus from appropriations made from the Local Tourism Fund
26 for that purpose. Of the amounts appropriated annually to the

1 Department for expenditure under this Section prior to July 1,
2 2011, one-third of those monies shall be used for grants to
3 convention and tourism bureaus in cities with a population
4 greater than 500,000. The remaining two-thirds of the annual
5 appropriation prior to July 1, 2011 shall be used for grants to
6 convention and tourism bureaus in the remainder of the State,
7 in accordance with a formula based upon the population served.
8 Of the amounts appropriated annually to the Department for
9 expenditure under this Section beginning July 1, 2011, 18% of
10 such moneys shall be used for grants to convention and tourism
11 bureaus in cities with a population greater than 500,000. Of
12 the amounts appropriated annually to the Department for
13 expenditure under this Section beginning July 1, 2011, 82% of
14 such moneys shall be used for grants to convention bureaus in
15 the remainder of the State, in accordance with a formula based
16 upon the population served. ~~The Department may reserve up to~~
17 ~~10% of total local tourism funds available for costs of~~
18 ~~administering the program to conduct audits of grants, to~~
19 ~~provide incentive funds to those bureaus that will conduct~~
20 ~~promotional activities designed to further the Department's~~
21 ~~statewide advertising campaign, to fund special statewide~~
22 ~~promotional activities, and to fund promotional activities~~
23 ~~that support an increased use of the State's parks or historic~~
24 ~~sites.~~ The Department shall require that any convention and
25 tourism bureau receiving a grant under this Section that
26 requires matching funds shall provide matching funds equal to

1 no less than 50% of the grant amount. During fiscal year 2013,
2 the Department shall reserve \$2,000,000 of the available local
3 tourism funds for appropriation to the Historic Preservation
4 Agency for the operation of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential
5 Library and Museum and State historic sites.

6 (Source: P.A. 97-617, eff. 10-26-11; 97-732, eff. 6-30-12;
7 98-252, eff. 8-9-13.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.".