



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**HB0149**

Introduced 1/11/2005, by Rep. Rich Brauer

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

20 ILCS 605/605-705

was 20 ILCS 605/46.6a

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning local tourism grants.

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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 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 ~~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;  
17 (ii) in legal existence for a minimum of 2 years before July 1,  
18 2001; (iii) operating with a paid, full-time staff whose sole  
19 purpose is to promote tourism in the designated service area;  
20 and (iv) affiliated with one or more municipalities or counties  
21 that support the bureau with local hotel-motel taxes. After  
22 July 1, 2001, bureaus requesting certification in order to  
23 receive funds for the first time must be local tourism and  
24 convention bureaus that are (i) either units of local  
25 government or incorporated as not-for-profit organizations;  
26 (ii) in legal existence for a minimum of 2 years before the  
27 request for certification; (iii) operating with a paid,  
28 full-time staff whose sole purpose is to promote tourism in the  
29 designated service area; and (iv) affiliated with multiple  
30 municipalities or counties that support the bureau with local  
31 hotel-motel taxes. Each bureau receiving funds under this Act  
32 will be certified by the Department as the designated recipient

1 to serve an area of the State. Notwithstanding the criteria set  
2 forth in this subsection (a), or any rule adopted under this  
3 subsection (a), the Director of the Department may provide for  
4 the award of grant funds to one or more entities if in the  
5 Department's judgment that action is necessary in order to  
6 prevent a loss of funding critical to promoting tourism in a  
7 designated geographic area of the State.

8 (b) To distribute grants to local tourism and convention  
9 bureaus from appropriations made from the Local Tourism Fund  
10 for that purpose. Of the amounts appropriated annually to the  
11 Department for expenditure under this Section, one-third of  
12 those monies shall be used for grants to convention and tourism  
13 bureaus in cities with a population greater than 500,000. The  
14 remaining two-thirds of the annual appropriation shall be used  
15 for grants to convention and tourism bureaus in the remainder  
16 of the State, in accordance with a formula based upon the  
17 population served. The Department may reserve up to 10% of  
18 total local tourism funds available for costs of administering  
19 the program to conduct audits of grants, to provide incentive  
20 funds to those bureaus that will conduct promotional activities  
21 designed to further the Department's statewide advertising  
22 campaign, to fund special statewide promotional activities,  
23 and to fund promotional activities that support an increased  
24 use of the State's parks or historic sites.

25 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-38, eff. 6-28-01; 92-524,  
26 eff. 2-8-02; 93-25, eff. 6-20-03.)