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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2083

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2083 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 Sections 605-705 and 605-707 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. During fiscal year 2013, the Department shall require
25 that any convention and tourism bureau receiving a grant under
26 this Section that requires matching funds shall provide

1 matching funds equal to no less than 50% of the grant amount.

2 (Source: P.A. 97-617, eff. 10-26-11.)

3 (20 ILCS 605/605-707) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.6d)

4 Sec. 605-707. International Tourism Program.

5 (a) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
6 must establish a program for international tourism. The
7 Department shall develop and implement the program on January
8 1, 2000 by rule. As part of the program, the Department may
9 work in cooperation with local convention and tourism bureaus
10 in Illinois in the coordination of international tourism
11 efforts at the State and local level. The Department may (i)
12 work in cooperation with local convention and tourism bureaus
13 for efficient use of their international tourism marketing
14 resources, (ii) promote Illinois in international meetings and
15 tourism markets, (iii) work with convention and tourism bureaus
16 throughout the State to increase the number of international
17 tourists to Illinois, (iv) provide training, research,
18 technical support, and grants to certified convention and
19 tourism bureaus, (v) provide staff, administration, and
20 related support required to manage the programs under this
21 Section, and (vi) provide grants for the development of or the
22 enhancement of international tourism attractions.

23 (b) The Department shall make grants for expenses related
24 to international tourism and pay for the staffing,
25 administration, and related support from the International

1 Tourism Fund, a special fund created in the State Treasury. Of
2 the amounts deposited into the Fund in fiscal year 2000 after
3 January 1, 2000 through fiscal year 2011, 55% shall be used for
4 grants to convention and tourism bureaus in Chicago (other than
5 the City of Chicago's Office of Tourism) and 45% shall be used
6 for development of international tourism in areas outside of
7 Chicago. Of the amounts deposited into the Fund in fiscal year
8 2001 and thereafter, 55% shall be used for grants to convention
9 and tourism bureaus in Chicago, and of that amount not less
10 than 27.5% shall be used for grants to convention and tourism
11 bureaus in Chicago other than the City of Chicago's Office of
12 Tourism, and 45% shall be used for administrative expenses and
13 grants authorized under this Section and development of
14 international tourism in areas outside of Chicago, of which not
15 less than \$1,000,000 shall be used annually to make grants to
16 convention and tourism bureaus in cities other than Chicago
17 that demonstrate their international tourism appeal and
18 request to develop or expand their international tourism
19 marketing program, and may also be used to provide grants under
20 item (vi) of subsection (a) of this Section. All of the amounts
21 deposited into the Fund in fiscal year 2012 and thereafter
22 shall be used for administrative expenses and grants authorized
23 under this Section and development of international tourism in
24 areas outside of Chicago, of which not less than \$1,000,000
25 shall be used annually to make grants to convention and tourism
26 bureaus in cities other than Chicago that demonstrate their

1 international tourism appeal and request to develop or expand
2 their international tourism marketing program, and may also be
3 used to provide grants under item (vi) of subsection (a) of
4 this Section. Amounts appropriated to the State Comptroller for
5 administrative expenses and grants authorized by the Illinois
6 Global Partnership Act are payable from the International
7 Tourism Fund.

8 (c) A convention and tourism bureau is eligible to receive
9 grant moneys under this Section if the bureau is certified to
10 receive funds under Title 14 of the Illinois Administrative
11 Code, Section 550.35. To be eligible for a grant, a convention
12 and tourism bureau must provide matching funds equal to the
13 grant amount. During fiscal year 2013, the Department shall
14 require that any convention and tourism bureau receiving a
15 grant under this Section that requires matching funds shall
16 provide matching funds equal to no less than 50% of the grant
17 amount. In certain circumstances as determined by the Director
18 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, however, the City of
19 Chicago's Office of Tourism or any other convention and tourism
20 bureau may provide matching funds equal to no less than 50% of
21 the grant amount to be eligible to receive the grant. One-half
22 of this 50% may be provided through in-kind contributions.
23 Grants received by the City of Chicago's Office of Tourism and
24 by convention and tourism bureaus in Chicago may be expended
25 for the general purposes of promoting conventions and tourism.

26 (Source: P.A. 97-617, eff. 10-26-11.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.".