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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 508

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 508 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Promotion Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 2 and 3 and by adding Section 8b as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 665/2) (from Ch. 127, par. 200-22)

7 Sec. 2. Legislative findings; policy. The General Assembly
8 hereby finds, determines and declares:

9 (a) That the health, safety, morals and general welfare of
10 the people of the State are directly dependent upon the
11 continual encouragement, development, growth and expansion of
12 tourism within the State;

13 (b) That unemployment, the spread of indigency, and the
14 heavy burden of public assistance and unemployment
15 compensation can be alleviated by the promotion, attraction,
16 stimulation, development and expansion of tourism in the State;

1 (c) That the policy of the State of Illinois, in the
2 interest of promoting the health, safety, morals and welfare of
3 all the people of the State, is to increase the economic impact
4 of tourism throughout the State through promotional activities
5 and by making available grants and loans to be made to local
6 promotion groups and others, as provided in Sections 5, ~~and~~ 8a,
7 and 8b of this Act, for purposes of promoting, developing, and
8 expanding tourism destinations, tourism attractions, and
9 tourism events.

10 (Source: P.A. 92-38, eff. 6-28-01.)

11 (20 ILCS 665/3) (from Ch. 127, par. 200-23)

12 Sec. 3. Definitions. The following words and terms,
13 whenever used or referred to in this Act, shall have the
14 following meanings, except where the context may otherwise
15 require:

16 (a) "Department" means the Department of Commerce and
17 Economic Opportunity of the State of Illinois.

18 (b) "Local promotion group" means any non-profit
19 corporation, organization, association, agency or committee
20 thereof formed for the primary purpose of publicizing,
21 promoting, advertising or otherwise encouraging the
22 development of tourism in any municipality, county, or region
23 of Illinois.

24 (c) "Promotional activities" means preparing, planning and
25 conducting campaigns of information, advertising and publicity

1 through such media as newspapers, radio, television,
2 magazines, trade journals, moving and still photography,
3 posters, outdoor signboards and personal contact within and
4 without the State of Illinois; dissemination of information,
5 advertising, publicity, photographs and other literature and
6 material designed to carry out the purpose of this Act; and
7 participation in and attendance at meetings and conventions
8 concerned primarily with tourism, including travel to and from
9 such meetings.

10 (d) "Municipality" means "municipality" as defined in
11 Section 1-1-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code, as heretofore and
12 hereafter amended.

13 (e) "Tourism" means travel 50 miles or more one-way or an
14 overnight trip outside of a person's normal routine.

15 (f) "Municipal amateur sports facility" means a sports
16 facility that: (1) is owned by a unit of local government; (2)
17 has contiguous indoor sports competition space; (3) is designed
18 to principally accommodate and host amateur competitions for
19 youths, adults, or both; and (4) is not used for professional
20 sporting events where participants are compensated for their
21 participation.

22 (g) "Municipal convention center" means a convention
23 center or civic center owned by a unit of local government or
24 operated by a convention center authority, or a municipal
25 convention hall as defined in paragraph (1) of Section 11-65-1
26 of the Illinois Municipal Code, with contiguous exhibition

1 space ranging between 30,000 and 125,000 square feet.

2 (h) "Convention center authority" means an Authority, as
3 defined by the Civic Center Code, that operates a municipal
4 convention center with contiguous exhibition space ranging
5 between 30,000 and 125,000 square feet.

6 (i) "Incentive" means: (1) an incentive provided by a
7 municipal convention center or convention center authority for
8 a convention, meeting, or trade show held at a municipal
9 convention center that, but for the incentive, would not have
10 occurred in the State or been retained in the State; or (2) an
11 incentive provided by a unit of local government for a sporting
12 event held at a municipal amateur sports facility that, but for
13 the incentive, would not have occurred in the State or been
14 retained in the State.

15 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06.)

16 (20 ILCS 665/8b new)

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

19 (a) Until July 1, 2020, the Department is authorized to
20 make grants, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly,
21 from the Tourism Promotion Fund to a unit of local government,
22 municipal convention center, or convention center authority
23 that provides incentives, as defined in subsection (i) of
24 Section 3 of this Act, for the purpose of attracting
25 conventions, meetings, and trade shows to municipal convention

1 centers and attracting sporting events to municipal amateur
2 sports facilities. Grants awarded under this Section shall be
3 based on the net proceeds received under the Hotel Operators'
4 Occupation Tax Act for the renting, leasing, or letting of
5 hotel rooms in the municipality for the month in which the
6 convention, meeting, trade show, or sporting event occurs.
7 Grants shall not exceed 80% of the incentive amount provided by
8 the unit of local government, municipal convention center, or
9 convention center authority. Further, in no event may the
10 aggregate amount of grants awarded to a single municipal
11 convention center, convention center authority, or municipal
12 amateur sports facility exceed \$200,000 in any calendar year.
13 The Department may, by rule, require any other provisions it
14 deems necessary in order to protect the State's interest in
15 administering this program.

16 (b) No later than May 15 of each year, through May 15,
17 2020, the unit of local government, municipal convention
18 center, or convention center authority shall certify to the
19 Department the amounts of funds expended in the previous fiscal
20 year to provide qualified incentives; however, in no event may
21 the certified amount pursuant to this paragraph exceed \$200,000
22 for any municipal convention center, convention center
23 authority, or municipal amateur sports facility in any calendar
24 year. The unit of local government, convention center, or
25 convention center authority shall certify (A) the net proceeds
26 received under the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Act for the

1 renting, leasing, or letting of hotel rooms in the municipality
2 for the month in which the convention, meeting, or trade show
3 occurs and (B) the average of the net proceeds received under
4 the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Act for the renting,
5 leasing, or letting of hotel rooms in the municipality for the
6 same month in the 3 immediately preceding years. The unit of
7 local government, municipal convention center, or convention
8 center authority shall include the incentive amounts as part of
9 its regular audit.

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

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