

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3017

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3017 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Community
5 Affairs 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
12 implement a program for the use of funds, as authorized under
13 this Act, by local tourism and convention bureaus. For the
14 purposes of this Act, bureaus eligible to receive funds are
15 those local tourism and convention bureaus that are (i)
16 either units of local government or incorporated as
17 not-for-profit organizations; (ii) in legal existence for a
18 minimum of 2 years before July 1, 2001; (iii) operating with
19 a paid, full-time staff whose sole purpose is to promote
20 tourism in the designated service area; and (iv) affiliated
21 with one or more municipalities or counties that support the
22 bureau with local hotel-motel taxes. After July 1, 2001,

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

20 (b) To distribute grants to local tourism and convention
21 bureaus from appropriations made from the Local Tourism Fund
22 for that purpose. Of the amounts appropriated annually to
23 the Department for expenditure under this Section, one-third
24 of those monies shall be used for grants to convention and
25 tourism bureaus in cities with a population greater than
26 500,000. The remaining two-thirds of the annual
27 appropriation shall be used for grants to convention and
28 tourism bureaus in the remainder of the State, in accordance
29 with a formula based upon the population served. The
30 Department may reserve up to 10% of the total appropriated to
31 conduct audits of grants, to provide incentive funds to those
32 bureaus that will conduct promotional activities designed to
33 further the Department's statewide advertising campaign, to
34 fund special statewide promotional activities, and to fund

1 promotional activities that support an increased use of the
2 State's parks or historic sites.

3 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99;
4 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-38, eff. 6-28-01.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
6 becoming law."