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H.B. No. 1585

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of hotel occupancy tax revenue in certain municipalities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 351, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 351.1071 to read as follows:

Sec. 351.1071. ALLOCATION OF REVENUE: CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies only to a municipality:

(1) that has a population of not more than 5,000; and

(2) at least part of which is located less than one-eighth of one mile from a space center operated by an agency of the federal government.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a municipality to which this section applies may use:

(1) not more than 45 percent of the revenue derived from the municipal hotel occupancy tax for economic development projects to enhance public areas at or in the immediate vicinity of hotels or convention center facilities, including construction and maintenance projects, projects improving the visual appeal of those areas, and projects updating signage; and

(2) not more than 15 percent of the revenue derived from the municipal hotel occupancy tax for peace officers, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, or other local government employees working at special events attended by large

1 numbers of tourists.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.