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H.B. No. 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a hotel  
3 occupancy tax.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 352.002(a-1), Tax Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (a-1) In addition to the counties described by Subsection  
8 (a), the commissioners court of a county in which an airport  
9 essential to the economy of the county is located may by the  
10 adoption of an order or resolution impose a tax on a person who,  
11 under a lease, concession, permit, right of access, license,  
12 contract, or agreement, pays for the use or possession or for the  
13 right to the use or possession of a room that is in a hotel, costs \$2  
14 or more each day, and is ordinarily used for sleeping. For the  
15 purposes of this subsection, an airport is considered to be  
16 essential to the economy of a county only if the airport is a  
17 commercial-service international airport within Class C airspace  
18 and is located in a county and owned by a municipality each having a  
19 population of less than 150,000 [~~125,000~~]. This subsection does  
20 not apply to a county described by Subsection (a)(13).

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.