

1-1 By: Bumgarner, et al. H.B. No. 5509
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Paxton, et al.)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2025;
 1-4 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
 1-5 Government; May 26, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
 1-7 May 26, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Middleton	X			
1-11 Cook	X			
1-12 Gutierrez	X			
1-13 Nichols	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 West	X			

1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 5509 By: Middleton

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the suspension or revocation of a hotel's certificate
 1-21 of occupancy by a municipality for suspected human trafficking.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 215, Local Government
 1-24 Code, is amended by adding Section 215.007 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 215.007. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF HOTEL CERTIFICATE
 1-26 OF OCCUPANCY. (a) In this section:

1-27 (1) "Hotel" has the meaning assigned by Section
 1-28 156.001, Tax Code.

1-29 (2) "Human trafficking activity" means conduct that
 1-30 constitutes an offense under Section 20A.02 or 20A.03, Penal Code.

1-31 (b) The governing body of a municipality may suspend or
 1-32 revoke a certificate of occupancy for a hotel located in the
 1-33 municipality if:

1-34 (1) a law enforcement officer provides an affidavit of
 1-35 probable cause swearing that criminal human trafficking activity is
 1-36 occurring in the hotel;

1-37 (2) a court with criminal jurisdiction in the county
 1-38 in which the hotel is located issues an order stating the court's
 1-39 finding of probable cause that human trafficking activity is
 1-40 occurring at the hotel; and

1-41 (3) the municipality follows the procedures described
 1-42 by Subsection (d) before suspending or revoking the certificate of
 1-43 occupancy.

1-44 (c) This section does not limit a hotel owner's or
 1-45 operator's right to a public hearing and to present evidence at a
 1-46 proceeding regarding the suspension or revocation of a certificate
 1-47 of occupancy.

1-48 (d) A municipality that seeks to suspend or revoke a
 1-49 certificate of occupancy for a hotel under this section shall
 1-50 follow procedures that are consistent with the suspension or
 1-51 revocation of a certificate of occupancy for any other type of
 1-52 business or use of land within the municipality.

1-53 (e) This section may not be construed to create a private
 1-54 cause of action.

1-55 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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