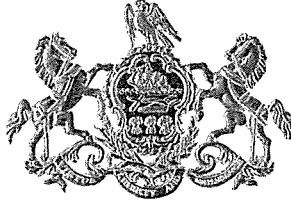


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Senate of Pennsylvania

February 6, 2012

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Dominic Pileggi 

RE: Co-sponsorship of Legislation

I plan to introduce revenue neutral legislation that will modify the manner in which hotel tax revenue may be spent in third class counties.

Specifically, this legislation would permit all third class counties to spend their hotel tax revenue in the same manner permitted by statute for a county of the third class having a second class A city.

Current law requires third class counties that do not have a second class A city to use the revenue generated from the 2% hotel tax by the county recognized tourist promotion agency for specific purposes all pertaining to tourism.

This legislation would permit the disposition of revenue generated by the hotel tax to be used as follows:

A minimum of twenty per centum (20%) of all revenues received per annum shall be used by the tourist promotion agency for the appropriate and reasonable operational, marketing and promotional expenses of the tourist promotion agency.

Other tax revenues received and amounting to not more than eighty per centum (80%) of total annual revenues shall be used:

- for reasonable expenses associated with collection and enforcement of the tax; and
- for county-owned tourist and recreational facilities or visitor centers; or other tourism-related activities as determined by the county commissioners.

This change would permit counties to utilize these funds for county-owned parks and would treat all counties of the third class in the same manner.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Michelle Kreiger at 787-4712 or mkreiger@pasen.gov.

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