

House Bill 465

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the governing authority of Putnam County to levy an excise tax pursuant to  
2 subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions,  
3 and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Pursuant to the authority of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A., the  
8 governing authority of Putnam County is authorized within the territorial limits of the special  
9 district located within Putnam County to levy an excise tax at a rate not to exceed 8 percent  
10 of the charge for the furnishing for value to the public of any room or rooms, lodgings, or  
11 accommodations by any person or legal entity licensed by, or required to pay business or  
12 occupation taxes to, the county for operating a hotel, motel, inn, lodge, tourist camp, tourist  
13 cabin, campground, or any other place in which rooms, lodgings, or accommodations are  
14 regularly or periodically furnished for value.

15 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

16 The enactment of this Act is subsequent to the adoption of a resolution of the governing  
17 authority of Putnam County which specifies the subsequent tax rate, identifies the projects  
18 or tourism product development purposes, and specifies the allocation of proceeds.

19 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

20 In accordance with the terms of the resolution of the governing authority of Putnam County:  
21 (1) In each fiscal year during which a tax is collected pursuant to paragraph (3) of  
22 subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A., an amount equal to not less  
23 than 50 percent of the total amount of taxes collected that exceeds the amount of taxes  
24 that would be collected at the rate of 5 percent shall be expended for promoting tourism,

25 conventions, and trade shows by the destination marketing organization designated by  
26 Putnam County; and

27 (2) The remaining amount of taxes collected that exceeds the amount of taxes that would  
28 be collected at the rate of 5 percent which are not otherwise expended under  
29 paragraph (1) of this section shall be expended for tourism product development.

30 **SECTION 4.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.