

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5048**

A bill to amend 1974 PA 263, entitled
"An act to permit counties to impose and collect an excise tax on persons engaged in the business of providing rooms for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes to transient guests; to provide for the disposition of the revenues thereof; and to prescribe penalties,"

by amending the title and sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 (MCL 141.861, 141.862, 141.863, 141.864, 141.866, and 141.867), section 2 as amended by 2004 PA 118, section 4 as amended by 2014 PA 284, and section 7 as amended by 1989 PA 13, and by adding section 2a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 TITLE
2 An act to permit counties **and local units of government** to
3 impose and collect an excise tax on persons engaged in the business



1 of providing rooms for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes to
 2 transient guests; to provide for the disposition of the ~~revenues~~
 3 ~~thereof~~; **proceeds of the excise tax**; and to prescribe penalties.

4 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

5 (a) "Accommodations" means the room or other space provided
 6 for sleeping, including furnishings and other accessories ~~therein~~.
 7 **in the room or other space**. Accommodations do not include food and
 8 beverages.

9 (b) "Administrator" means the official designated by the
 10 county **or local unit of government** to collect the **excise** tax and to
 11 administer and enforce the ordinance.

12 (c) "Convention and entertainment facilities" means all, ~~or~~
 13 any part, or any combination of convention halls, auditoriums,
 14 stadiums, music halls, arenas, **aquariums**, meeting rooms, exhibit
 15 areas, and related public areas.

16 (d) **Excise tax**" means the excise tax levied by a county or
 17 local unit of government under this act.

18 (e) "Local governing body" means the body in which the
 19 legislative powers of a local unit of government are vested.

20 (f) "Local unit of government" means a city or township.

21 (g) "Ordinance" means an ordinance enacted by a county or
 22 local unit of government under this act to levy, assess, and
 23 collect an excise tax.

24 (h) ~~(d)~~"Person" means a natural person, partnership,
 25 fiduciary, association, corporation, or other entity.

26 (i) ~~(e)~~"Revenues" means the income derived from the **excise**
 27 tax, plus interest and penalties imposed by this act, levied and
 28 assessed under an ordinance adopted pursuant to this act.

29 (j) ~~(f)~~"Transient guest" means a natural person staying less



1 than 30 consecutive days.

2 Sec. 2. (1) The county board of commissioners of a county
3 ~~having that has~~ a population of less than 600,000 ~~persons,~~ and
4 ~~having that has~~ a city **with a population** of at least ~~not less than~~
5 40,000 ~~population~~ may enact an ordinance to levy, assess, and
6 collect an excise tax from all persons engaged in the business of
7 providing rooms for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes, except
8 in hospitals or nursing homes, to transient guests, whether or not
9 membership is required for the use of the accommodations.

10 (2) If a county meets the requirements of subsection (1) on
11 the date it enacts an ordinance under this act and, after the 1990
12 decennial census, the county has a population of less than 120,000
13 ~~persons~~ and has a city with a population of 35,000 or more,
14 ~~persons,~~ that county may continue to levy, assess, and collect the
15 excise tax ~~under this act~~ until October 1, 1991.

16 (3) If a county described in subsection (2) has any
17 accommodations located within the county that are also located
18 within the boundaries of a city in which the majority of the
19 population of that city reside in an adjoining county, then the
20 accommodation is exempt from the **excise** tax ~~under this act.~~**levied**
21 **by the county.**

22 (4) If a county described in subsection (2) has any
23 accommodations located within the county that are also located
24 within the boundaries of a city with a population of less than
25 5,000 persons, then the accommodation is exempt from **the excise** tax
26 ~~under this act.~~**levied by the county.**

27 (5) ~~The~~ **An** ordinance ~~provided by this act~~ **described in**
28 **subsection (1)** may be amended or repealed in the same manner as it
29 was adopted.



1 (6) The **excise** tax imposed ~~pursuant to this act shall~~ **by a**
 2 **county must** be at a rate of not more than ~~5%–8%~~ of the total charge
 3 for accommodations subject to this act.

4 (7) If a county meets the requirements of subsection (1) on
 5 the date it enacts an ordinance, ~~under this act,~~ the county may
 6 continue to levy, assess, and collect the excise tax ~~under this~~
 7 ~~act.~~ **and, subject to subsections (6) and (8), may increase the rate**
 8 **at which the excise tax is levied.**

9 (8) The county board of commissioners of a county shall not
 10 levy an excise tax at a rate of more than 5% of the total charge
 11 for accommodations subject to this act unless a majority of the
 12 qualified electors of that local unit of government voting on the
 13 question approve the levy of the excise tax in compliance with
 14 section 31 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

15 Sec. 2a. (1) Subject to subsection (4), the local governing
 16 body of a local unit of government that is located in a county with
 17 a population of more than 570,000 and less than 775,000 may enact
 18 an ordinance to levy, assess, and collect an excise tax from all
 19 persons engaged in the business of providing rooms for dwelling,
 20 lodging, or sleeping purposes, except in hospitals or nursing
 21 homes, to transient guests, whether or not membership is required
 22 for the use of the accommodations.

23 (2) An ordinance described in subsection (1) may be amended or
 24 repealed in the same manner as it was adopted.

25 (3) The excise tax imposed by a local unit of government must
 26 be at a rate of not more than 2% of the total charge for
 27 accommodations subject to this act.

28 (4) The local governing body of a local unit of government
 29 shall not levy an excise tax unless a majority of the qualified



1 electors of that local unit of government voting on the question
 2 approve the levy of the excise tax in compliance with section 31 of
 3 article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

4 (5) If a local unit of government meets the requirements of
 5 subsection (1) on the date it enacts an ordinance, the local unit
 6 of government may continue to levy, assess, and collect the excise
 7 tax.

8 Sec. 3. A county or local unit of government levying a—~~an~~
 9 **excise** tax pursuant to an ordinance adopted under this act shall
 10 provide in the ordinance for **all of the following**:

11 (a) The effective date of the ordinance, which ~~shall be in~~
 12 ~~accordance~~ **must comply** with section 5.

13 (b) The rate of the **excise** tax to be imposed.

14 (c) The rate and manner of the imposition of interest and
 15 penalties for delinquency in payment of **excise** taxes or other
 16 violations of the ordinance. The interest imposed on delinquency in
 17 payment of the **excise** tax ~~shall~~ **must** not be more than 1% per month
 18 or fraction thereof ~~of a month~~ of the unpaid **excise** tax after the
 19 due date thereof until paid. The penalty for delinquency in payment
 20 of the **excise** tax when due or other violations of the ordinance may
 21 be in addition to the interest but ~~shall~~ **must** not be more than 5%
 22 of the amount of the unpaid **excise** tax per month or fraction
 23 thereof ~~of a month~~ after the due date thereof until paid. However,
 24 the penalty ~~shall~~ **must** not exceed 25% of the unpaid **excise** tax.

25 (d) The determination and allowance of abatements and refunds.

26 (e) The designation of the administrator of the tax and
 27 methods of collection.

28 Sec. 4. A county or local unit of government levying a—~~an~~
 29 **excise** tax under this act may provide in the ordinance for 1 or



1 more of the following:

2 (a) The adoption and enforcement of rules to apply, interpret,
3 effectuate, and administer the ordinance and the purposes of the
4 **excise** tax.

5 (b) The prescribing and furnishing to taxpayers of forms,
6 instructions, manuals, and other materials necessary for
7 indorsement of the **excise** tax and the auditing of tax returns.

8 (c) The examination by the administrator or ~~his~~**the**
9 **administrator's** agent of the books and records of a taxpayer for
10 purposes of determining the correctness of a tax return or
11 information filed, or the determination of any tax liability under
12 this act.

13 (d) The imposition of a fine of not more than \$500.00, or
14 imprisonment of not more than 90 days, or both for violation of the
15 ordinance.

16 (e) If the **excise** tax ~~imposed under this act~~ remains unpaid
17 for more than 90 days, the treasurer of the county may collect the
18 tax in the same manner as a delinquent special assessment, along
19 with any associated interest, fees, and costs, under the general
20 property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.155.

21 Sec. 6. **(1)** The **excise** taxes ~~levied under this act~~ shall be
22 **are** in addition to any other taxes, charges, or fees.

23 **(2)** The **excise** taxes levied by a local unit of government are
24 in addition to any excise taxes levied by a county.

25 **(3)** The **excise** taxes levied by a county are in addition to any
26 excise taxes levied by a local unit of government.

27 Sec. 7. The revenues derived from the **excise** taxes ~~imposed~~
28 ~~pursuant to this act~~ shall **must** be deposited in a special fund to
29 be used by the county, **by the local unit of government**, or by an



1 authority that is organized pursuant to state law, together with
2 other available funds only to pay **for 1 or more of the following:**

3 (a) The cost of administration and enforcement of the
4 ordinance.

5 (b) The financing of the acquisition, construction,
6 improvement, enlargement, repair, or maintenance of convention and
7 entertainment facilities, including, except as provided in
8 subdivision (e), the payment of principal and interest, when due,
9 on bonds or other evidence of indebtedness issued by the county **or**
10 **local unit of government** for convention and entertainment
11 facilities.

12 (c) Except as provided in subdivision (e), current or future
13 annual rental payable by the county **or local unit of government** to
14 an authority organized pursuant to state law for the purpose of
15 acquiring, constructing, improving, enlarging, repairing, or
16 maintaining the convention and entertainment facilities and leasing
17 them to the county **or local unit of government.**

18 (d) The promotion and encouragement of tourist and convention
19 business in the county **or local unit of government.**

20 (e) The principal and interest, when due, on bonds or other
21 evidence of indebtedness issued by or on behalf of the county for
22 the purpose of financing the construction of a museum, or the
23 current or future rental payable by the county to an authority
24 organized pursuant to state law for the purpose of constructing a
25 museum and leasing it to the county, only if the museum is located
26 in a city with a population of 180,000 or more.

