



SENATE MOTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that Senate Bill 242 be amended to read as follows:

1 Page 2, between lines 34 and 35, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 1. IC 6-9-56-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.236-2023,
3 SECTION 121, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) This chapter applies to
5 Hamilton County, if the county had adopted an innkeeper's tax under
6 IC 6-9-18 before July 1, 2023.
7 (b) The:
8 (1) convention, visitor, and tourism promotion fund (**before its**
9 **repeal**);
10 (2) convention and visitor commission;
11 (3) innkeeper's tax rate; and
12 (4) tax collection procedures;
13 established under IC 6-9-18 before July 1, 2023, remain in effect and
14 govern the county's innkeeper's tax until amended under this chapter.
15 (c) A member of the convention and visitor commission established
16 under IC 6-9-18 before July 1, 2023, shall serve a full term of office. If
17 a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority shall appoint a qualified
18 replacement as provided under this chapter. The appointing authority
19 shall make other subsequent appointments to the commission as
20 provided under this chapter.".
21 Page 2, delete lines 40 through 42, begin a new line block indented
22 and insert:
23 "(1) A convention, visitor, and tourism promotion fund (**before its**
24 **repeal**).
25 **(2) A convention, visitor, tourism promotion and capital fund.**
26 **(2) A municipal tourism capital fund**, if the county fiscal body
27 adopts an ordinance to increase the tax rate under section 3 of this

1 chapter and both the county fiscal body and the county executive
2 adopt ordinances approving the establishment of a tourism capital
3 fund.".

4 Page 3, delete lines 1 through 2.

5 Page 3, line 5, strike "7" and insert "7.5".

6 Page 3, delete lines 6 through 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:

7 "(b) The county auditor shall issue a warrant directing the county
8 treasurer to transfer money from the convention, visitor, ~~and~~ tourism
9 promotion **and capital** fund and **municipal** tourism capital fund to the
10 commission's treasurer if the commission submits a written request for
11 the transfer.

12 (c) Money in a convention, visitor, ~~and~~ tourism promotion **and**
13 **capital** fund, or money transferred from such a fund under subsection
14 (b), may be expended only **for the following purposes:**

15 (1) To promote and encourage conventions, visitors, and tourism
16 within the county. Expenditures under this ~~subsection subdivision~~
17 may include expenditures for advertising, promotional activities,
18 trade shows, special events, and recreation.

19 (2) **For infrastructure projects that improve or benefit the**
20 **tourism economy. Expenditures under this subdivision may**
21 **include acquisition, construction, alteration, improvements,**
22 **or installation costs of any existing tangible property or**
23 **tangible property that is to be constructed. Expenditures**
24 **under this subdivision may include fees for professional**
25 **services such as architectural, building consulting or**
26 **planning, and infrastructure feasibility.".**

27 Page 3, line 16, after "in a" insert "**municipal**".

28 Page 4, between lines 28 and 29, begin a new paragraph and insert:

29 "SECTION 7. IC 6-9-56-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
30 2026]. See. 7. (a) The county treasurer shall deposit ~~in the convention,~~
31 ~~visitor, and tourism promotion fund the amount of money received~~
32 ~~under section 3 of this chapter that is not more than five percent (5%).~~

33 (b) Money ~~in the convention, visitor, and tourism promotion fund~~
34 shall be expended only as provided in this chapter.

35 (c) The commission may transfer money ~~in the convention, visitor,~~
36 ~~and tourism promotion fund to any Indiana nonprofit corporation for~~
37 ~~the purpose of promotion and encouragement in the county of~~
38 ~~conventions, trade shows, visitors, or special events. The commission~~
39 ~~may transfer money under this section only after approving the transfer.~~
40 ~~The commission may transfer money under this subsection on a~~
41 ~~monthly basis or at another frequency as determined by the~~
42 ~~commission.~~

43 SECTION 8. IC 6-9-56-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
44 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
45 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.5. (a) **For purposes of this section, "fund" refers to**
46 **the convention, visitor, tourism promotion and capital fund**

1 established under section 4(a)(2) of this chapter.

2 (b) The county treasurer shall deposit in the fund the amount of
3 money received under section 3 of this chapter that is not more
4 than five percent (5%).

5 (c) Money in the fund shall be expended only as provided in
6 section 4(c) of this chapter.

7 (d) The commission may transfer money in the fund to any
8 Indiana nonprofit corporation for the purpose of promotion and
9 encouragement in the county of conventions, trade shows, visitors,
10 or special events. The commission may transfer money under this
11 subsection only after approving the transfer. The commission may
12 transfer money under this subsection on a monthly basis or at
13 another frequency as determined by the commission.

14 (e) The commission must approve any transfer of money from
15 the fund and may transfer money from the fund to support capital
16 projects in the county that promote long term tourism, convention,
17 or recreation projects proposed by any of the following:

18 (1) The county government.

19 (2) A separate body corporate and politic in Hamilton County.

20 (3) Any Indiana nonprofit corporation in Hamilton County.

21 The commission may transfer money under this subsection on a
22 monthly basis or at another frequency as determined by the
23 commission.

24 (f) The commission may also review and approve proposals
25 submitted by applicants that seek money from the fund with the
26 purpose and view of enhancing or providing support for capital
27 projects that promote long term tourism, convention, or other
28 economic development related to recreation. Funding available
29 under this subsection shall be made available on an annual basis.
30 In determining whether to provide funding to a particular capital
31 project under this subsection, the commission may use the
32 following factors as a guide for capital project funding:

33 (1) The proposed capital project is believed to be economically
34 sound to the Hamilton County tourism, convention, or
35 recreation economy and is also believed to be beneficial to:

36 (A) the general population of Hamilton County; or

37 (B) a particular location in Hamilton County.

38 (2) The proposed capital project provides for reasonably
39 adequate public assembly, gathering, or entertainment space
40 and is integrally related to enhancing the tourism, convention,
41 or recreation opportunities in Hamilton County or a
42 particular location in Hamilton County.

43 (3) The commission makes a reasonable effort to assess
44 whether a proposed capital project aligns with the purpose of
45 the commission and has a direct, indirect, or supportive
46 relationship to the mission and promotional efforts of the
47 commission as established and funded by the fund.

1 **Any remaining funds collected that are not awarded during an**
2 **application period revert to the fund and may be used for**
3 **distribution in a subsequent application period.**

4 **(g) An applicant that receives a grant of money from the fund**
5 **under subsection (f):**

6 **(1) must agree to provide to the commission proof of project**
7 **completion, including proof that the project was completed**
8 **through the use of the grant money; and**

9 **(2) may be subject to annual financial reporting and audit."**.
10 Page 6, line 11, delete "an innkeeper's tax fund." and insert "a
11 **municipal tourism capital fund.**".

12 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 242 as printed January 21, 2026.)

Senator BALDWIN