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SENATE BILL No. 242

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Innkeeper's tax. Authorizes the city fiscal body to issue bonds, enter into leases, or incur other obligations for purposes of the innkeeper's tax.

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 6-9-29-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter applies
3 to all counties **and cities** imposing an innkeeper's tax under this article.
4 SECTION 2. IC 6-9-29-1.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.137-2022,
5 SECTION 91, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1.5. (a) Unless otherwise provided in this article,
7 a county fiscal body **or a city fiscal body** that adopts an ordinance to
8 impose, rescind, or increase or decrease the rate of a county innkeeper's
9 tax **or a city innkeeper's tax**, or to make a change between collection
10 of the tax by the county treasurer **or the city fiscal officer**, or the
11 department of state revenue, must specify the effective date of the
12 ordinance to provide that the ordinance takes effect:
13 (1) at least thirty (30) days after the adoption of the ordinance;
14 and
15 (2) on the first day of a month.
16 (b) If a county fiscal body **or a city fiscal body** adopts an
17 ordinance described in subsection (a), it must immediately send a
18 certified copy of the ordinance to the commissioner of the department
19 of state revenue. Notwithstanding subsection (a), if the department of
20 state revenue collects the revenue from the county innkeeper's tax **or**

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1 **the city innkeeper's tax**, the department of state revenue shall begin
 2 collecting the tax as provided in the ordinance for periods beginning on
 3 or after the later of:

- 4 (1) the first day of the month that is not less than thirty (30) days
 5 after the ordinance is sent to the commissioner of the department
 6 of state revenue; or
 7 (2) the effective date specified in the ordinance.

8 The department shall collect the tax at the rate in the ordinance unless
 9 the rate is not authorized under this article.

10 (c) If an ordinance does not specify an effective date, the
 11 ordinance shall be considered effective on the earliest date allowable
 12 under this section.

13 SECTION 3. IC 6-9-29-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. Upon a request by
 15 a county auditor or treasurer, **or a city fiscal officer**, the department of
 16 state revenue shall provide summary data regarding innkeeper's tax
 17 collections for the county **or the city**. This data may not include any
 18 confidential information. The department shall provide the summary
 19 data within ten (10) business days after the request is made.

20 SECTION 4. IC 6-9-56.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 21 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2026]:

23 **Chapter 56.5. Carmel Innkeeper's Tax**

24 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to the city of Carmel.**

25 **Sec. 2. The following definitions apply throughout this**
 26 **chapter:**

- 27 (1) "Fiscal body" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-6.
 28 (2) "Person" has the meaning set forth in IC 6-2.5-1-3.

29 **Sec. 3. (a) Subject to section 7 of this chapter, the fiscal body**
 30 **of the city may levy a tax on every person engaged in the business**
 31 **of renting or furnishing, for periods of less than thirty (30) days,**
 32 **any room or rooms, lodgings, or accommodations in any:**

- 33 (1) hotel;
 34 (2) motel;
 35 (3) boat motel;
 36 (4) inn;
 37 (5) college or university memorial union;
 38 (6) college or university residence hall or dormitory; or
 39 (7) tourist cabin;

40 **located in the city.**

41 **(b) The tax does not apply to a transaction in which:**

- 42 (1) a student rents lodgings in a college or university



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1 residence hall while that student participates in a course of
 2 study for which the student receives college credit from a
 3 college or university located in the city; or

4 (2) a person rents a room, lodging, or accommodations for a
 5 period of thirty (30) days or more.

6 (c) The tax must be imposed at a flat rate amount per night
 7 and may not exceed the rate of five dollars (\$5) per night. The tax
 8 is in addition to:

9 (1) the state gross retail tax imposed under IC 6-2.5; and

10 (2) a county innkeeper's tax imposed in the county in which
 11 the city is located, if any.

12 (d) The tax shall be imposed, paid, and collected in exactly the
 13 same manner as the state gross retail tax is imposed, paid, and
 14 collected under IC 6-2.5.

15 (e) All of the provisions of IC 6-2.5 relating to rights, duties,
 16 liabilities, procedures, penalties, definitions, exemptions, and
 17 administration are applicable to the imposition and administration
 18 of the tax imposed under this section except to the extent those
 19 provisions are in conflict or inconsistent with the specific
 20 provisions of this chapter. The return to be filed for the payment
 21 of the tax under this section may be either a separate return or
 22 may be combined with the return filed for the payment of the state
 23 gross retail tax as the department of state revenue may, by rule,
 24 determine.

25 (f) The amounts received from the tax imposed under this
 26 section shall be paid monthly by the treasurer of state to the fiscal
 27 officer of the city upon warrants issued by the state comptroller.

28 Sec. 4. (a) If a tax is imposed under section 3 of this chapter,
 29 the city fiscal officer shall establish a convention, visitor, and
 30 tourism promotion fund. The city fiscal officer shall deposit into
 31 the fund all amounts received from a tax imposed under section 3
 32 of this chapter.

33 (b) Money in a convention, visitor, and tourism promotion
 34 fund may be expended, after appropriation by the city fiscal body,
 35 only for the following purposes:

36 (1) To promote and encourage conventions, visitors, and
 37 tourism within the city, including expenditures for
 38 advertising, promotional activities, trade shows, special
 39 events, and recreation.

40 (2) To create new parks and amenities, and to expand and
 41 enhance existing parks and amenities.

42 (3) To pay the costs of city services related to conventions,



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trade shows, and other special events. However, money may not be used for salaries or operating expenses related to an event.

[The city fiscal body may issue bonds, enter into leases, or incur other obligations for the purposes set forth in subdivisions (1) through (3).]

Sec. 5. All money deposited in the convention, visitor, and tourism promotion fund shall be deposited, held, secured, invested, and paid in accordance with statutes relating to the handling of public funds. The handling and expenditure of money deposited in the convention, visitor, and tourism promotion fund is subject to audit and supervision by the state board of accounts.

Sec. 6. (a) A person who knowingly:

- (1) approves the transfer of money to any person or corporation not qualified under law for that transfer; or
- (2) approves a transfer for a purpose not permitted under law;

commits a Level 6 felony.

(b) A person who receives a transfer of money under this chapter and knowingly uses that money for any purpose not permitted under this chapter commits a Level 6 felony.

Sec. 7. A tax imposed by a city under this chapter terminates on January 1 of the calendar year that begins twenty-two (22) years after the effective date specified in the ordinance.

SECTION 5. IC 6-9-63.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:

Chapter 63.5. New Haven Innkeeper's Tax

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to the city of New Haven.

Sec. 2. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:

- (1) "Fiscal body" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-6.
- (2) "Person" has the meaning set forth in IC 6-2.5-1-3.

Sec. 3. (a) Subject to section 7 of this chapter, the fiscal body of the city may levy a tax on every person engaged in the business of renting or furnishing, for periods of less than thirty (30) days, any room or rooms, lodgings, or accommodations in any:

- (1) hotel;
- (2) motel;
- (3) boat motel;
- (4) inn;
- (5) college or university memorial union;



1 (6) college or university residence hall or dormitory; or
 2 (7) tourist cabin;
 3 located in the city.

4 (b) The tax does not apply to a transaction in which:

5 (1) a student rents lodgings in a college or university
 6 residence hall while that student participates in a course of
 7 study for which the student receives college credit from a
 8 college or university located in the city; or

9 (2) a person rents a room, lodging, or accommodations for a
 10 period of thirty (30) days or more.

11 (c) The tax must be imposed at a flat rate amount per night
 12 and may not exceed the rate of five dollars (\$5) per night. The tax
 13 is in addition to:

14 (1) the state gross retail tax imposed under IC 6-2.5; and

15 (2) a county innkeeper's tax imposed in the county in which
 16 the city is located, if any.

17 (d) The tax shall be imposed, paid, and collected in exactly the
 18 same manner as the state gross retail tax is imposed, paid, and
 19 collected under IC 6-2.5.

20 (e) All of the provisions of IC 6-2.5 relating to rights, duties,
 21 liabilities, procedures, penalties, definitions, exemptions, and
 22 administration are applicable to the imposition and administration
 23 of the tax imposed under this section except to the extent those
 24 provisions are in conflict or inconsistent with the specific
 25 provisions of this chapter. The return to be filed for the payment
 26 of the tax under this section may be either a separate return or
 27 may be combined with the return filed for the payment of the state
 28 gross retail tax as the department of state revenue may, by rule,
 29 determine.

30 (f) The amounts received from the tax imposed under this
 31 section shall be paid monthly by the treasurer of state to the fiscal
 32 officer of the city upon warrants issued by the state comptroller.

33 Sec. 4. (a) If a tax is imposed under section 3 of this chapter,
 34 the city fiscal officer shall establish a convention, visitor, and
 35 tourism promotion fund. The city fiscal officer shall deposit into
 36 the fund all amounts received from a tax imposed under section 3
 37 of this chapter.

38 (b) Money in a convention, visitor, and tourism promotion
 39 fund may be expended, after appropriation by the city fiscal body,
 40 only for the following purposes:

41 (1) To promote and encourage conventions, visitors, and
 42 tourism within the city, including expenditures for



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advertising, promotional activities, trade shows, special events, and recreation.

(2) To create new parks and amenities, and to expand and enhance existing parks and amenities.

(3) To pay the costs of city services related to conventions, trade shows, and other special events. However, money may not be used for salaries or operating expenses related to an event.

[The city fiscal body may issue bonds, enter into leases, or incur other obligations for the purposes set forth in subdivisions (1) through (3).]

[Sec. 5. All money deposited in the convention, visitor, and tourism promotion fund shall be deposited, held, secured, invested, and paid in accordance with statutes relating to the handling of public funds. The handling and expenditure of money deposited in the convention, visitor, and tourism promotion fund is subject to audit and supervision by the state board of accounts.

Sec. 6. (a) A person who knowingly:

(1) approves the transfer of money to any person or corporation not qualified under law for that transfer; or

(2) approves a transfer for a purpose not permitted under law;

commits a Level 6 felony.

(b) A person who receives a transfer of money under this chapter and knowingly uses that money for any purpose not permitted under this chapter commits a Level 6 felony.

Sec. 7. A tax imposed by a city under this chapter terminates on January 1 of the calendar year that begins twenty-two (22) years after the effective date specified in the ordinance.

SECTION 6. IC 35-52-6-83.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 83.5. IC 6-9-56.5-6 defines crimes concerning innkeeper's taxes.

SECTION 7. IC 35-52-6-85.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 85.2. IC 6-9-63.5-6 defines crimes concerning innkeeper's taxes. [

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