

HOUSE BILL 2710

By Pitts

AN ACT to amend Chapter 167 of the Private Acts of 1979; as amended by Chapter 140 of the Private Acts of 2000; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the privilege tax on the occupancy of hotels and motels in Montgomery County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 167 of the Private Acts of 1979, as amended by Chapter 140 of the Private Acts of 2000, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the language "five percent (5%)" and substituting instead the language "eight percent (8%)".

SECTION 2. Section 11 of Chapter 167 of the Private Acts of 1979, as amended by Chapter 140 of the Private Acts of 2000, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the following language:

(1) One-fourth (1/4) of the proceeds shall be placed in the general fund of the City of Clarksville, (2) One-fourth (1/4) of the proceeds shall be placed in the general fund of Montgomery County, (3) One-half (1/2) of the proceeds shall be placed in a Tourist Promotion Fund to be administered by the Clarksville-Montgomery County Tourist Commission established by this act, and shall be used for the promotion of tourism in Montgomery County.

and substituting instead the following:

(1) Twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) of the proceeds shall be placed in the general fund of the City of Clarksville; (2) Thirty-seven and one-half percent (37.5%) of the proceeds shall be placed in a Tourist Promotion Fund to be administered by the Clarksville-Montgomery County Tourist Commission

established by this act, and this portion shall be used for the promotion of tourism in Montgomery County; and (3) Fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds shall be placed in the general fund of Montgomery County, and shall be accounted for by Montgomery County for the sole and specific and exclusive use to promote tourism in Montgomery County, Tennessee, for and by its exclusive use to pay the cost to build or design, or acquire land for a multi-purpose event center, multi-purpose event center construction debt, infrastructure, or additions. Funds derived from the portion of revenues allocated to Montgomery County shall be placed in the Capital Projects Fund of Montgomery County, Tennessee, and any unused funds shall be placed in a reserve account within the Capital Projects Fund until such time as appropriated to satisfy the aforementioned expenses.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Montgomery County before October 1, 2019. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.