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House Bill 1588, Printer's No. 3346

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Sponsor: Representative Moul

Bill Summary

House Bill 1588, Printer's No. 3346, amends the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, by further providing for 5% (vs. 3%) Hotel Tax in relation to fifth class county having a population under the 2010 Federal Decennial Census in excess of 101,000, but less than 102,000 (**Adams County**). It requires an annual audit of each hotel operator by county commissioner. It allows county to deduct an administrative fee (the lower of 4.5% or \$95,000 of tax revenues) that is also the source of funding for the annual audit by the county commissioners. It continues the existing 75% for county Tourist Promotion Agency (TPA), and 25% for economic development and for grants to municipalities with police departments. However, it more specifically provides that with regard to the 25%: 50% to be used by county for economic development and historic preservation, and 50% for grants to municipalities that have municipal police department or member of regional police department (such to be distributed to municipalities in proportion to the number of hotel rooms within municipalities as a percentage of the total number of hotel rooms in municipalities with police departments.

This act shall take effect immediately.

Existing Legislation

Act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code.

Act of July 4, 2008 (P.L.621, No.50), known as the "Tourism Promotion Act."

Other Legislation

This legislation is one of several bills introduced in relation to the local Hotel Tax provisions contained in The County Code.