

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

SENATE BILL 910

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5 By: Senator Brown
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A QUORUM COURT OR GOVERNING
10 MUNICIPAL BODY TO LEVY A FEE OF ONE DOLLAR
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code, Title 14, Chapter 14, Subchapter 1, is
27 amended to add a new section to read as follows:

28 14-14-1401. Hotel fee.

29 (a) For purposes of this section:

30 (1) "Hotel" means a building or other structure commonly
31 referred to as a hotel, motel, motor hotel, motor lodge, or referred to by a
32 similar name, where sleeping accommodations are offered for a fee;

33 (2) "Public transit authority" means a public corporation
34 created under § 13-334-103 for the purpose of acquiring, owning, equipping,
35 leasing, maintaining, licensing, and operating a public transit system;

36 (3)(A) "Public transit system" means a transit system owned and



1 operated by any municipality, county, regional authority, state, or other
2 governmental agency.

3 (B) Any transit system created or licensed by a government
4 agency or managed by a private management firm under contract to the
5 government agency owner.

6 (C) "Public transit system" does not include any intercity
7 bus transportation system subject to the regulations of the Arkansas
8 Transportation Commission or the Interstate Commerce Commission; and

9 (4) "Transit system" means the facilities, equipment, personnel,
10 and procedures needed to provide and maintain transportation services to the
11 public.

12 (b)(1) A quorum court of any county or a governing body of any
13 municipality with a public transit authority or public transit system may
14 adopt an ordinance levying a fee of no more than one dollar (\$1.00) per
15 occupied room per day for any hotel located in an incorporated or
16 unincorporated area within the quorum court's jurisdiction, or within the
17 governing municipal body's jurisdiction.

18 (2) However, no fee collected under this section shall be levied
19 against any hotel room rented on a monthly basis that serves as the primary
20 residence of an occupant.

21 (c)(1) Hotels subject to the fee under this section shall collect and
22 remit the fee in a method provided in the enabling ordinance.

23 (2) Each public transit authority or public transit system shall
24 use the fees remitted under this section for its general fund or capital fund
25 and shall be included in the authority's or system's annual budget.

26 (3) Each public transit authority or public transit system shall
27 keep records of fees collected and expenditures under this section in
28 accordance with § 14-334-115.

29 (d) If more than one (1) public transit authority or public transit
30 system exists within a single county or municipality, the governing quorum
31 court or municipal body shall determine how the funds collected under this
32 section shall be distributed.

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34 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the
35 calendar month following the ninetieth day after the sine die adjournment of
36 this session or the first day of the calendar month following the ninetieth

1 day after a recess or adjournment for a period of longer than ninety (90)
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