



HB 0533

2003

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to convention and visitors bureaus;
3 providing prerequisites an organization must fulfill
4 before representing to the public that it is an official
5 Florida convention and visitors bureau, visitors bureau,
6 tourist development council, or welcome center; providing
7 that organizations meeting these criteria may receive
8 tourist-development tax revenues under s. 125.0104, F.S.;
9 providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Official visitors bureau, tourist development
14 council, or welcome center; criteria; eligibility to receive tax
15 revenue.--

16 (1) Before an organization may represent to the general
17 public that it is an official Florida convention and visitors
18 bureau, visitors bureau, tourist development council, or welcome
19 center:

20 (a) The organization must be the principal organization in
21 the county which is organized to solicit and service conventions
22 and other types of visitors; and

23 (b) The board of county commissioners must have defined
24 and authorized the organization as the representative
25 organization exercising those functions.

26 (2) An organization that meets the criteria set forth in
27 subsection (1) is eligible to receive tax revenues under section
28 125.0104, Florida Statutes.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.