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A bill to be entitled  
 An act relating to beach improvement; amending s.  
 125.0104, F.S.; prohibiting use of moneys designated for  
 beach improvement, maintenance, renourishment,  
 restoration, or erosion control for other purposes;  
 providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section  
 125.0104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.0104 Tourist development tax; procedure for levying;  
 authorized uses; referendum; enforcement.--

(5) AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUE.--

(a) All tax revenues received pursuant to this section by  
 a county imposing the tourist development tax shall be used by  
 that county for the following purposes only:

1. To acquire, construct, extend, enlarge, remodel,  
 repair, improve, maintain, operate, or promote one or more  
 publicly owned and operated convention centers, sports stadiums,  
 sports arenas, coliseums, or auditoriums, or museums that are  
 publicly owned and operated or owned and operated by not-for-  
 profit organizations and open to the public, within the  
 boundaries of the county or subcounty special taxing district in  
 which the tax is levied. Tax revenues received pursuant to this  
 section may also be used for promotion of zoological parks that  
 are publicly owned and operated or owned and operated by not-  
 for-profit organizations and open to the public. However, these  
 purposes may be implemented through service contracts and leases



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30 with lessees with sufficient expertise or financial capability  
 31 to operate such facilities;

32 2. To promote and advertise tourism in the State of  
 33 Florida and nationally and internationally; however, if tax  
 34 revenues are expended for an activity, service, venue, or event,  
 35 the activity, service, venue, or event shall have as one of its  
 36 main purposes the attraction of tourists as evidenced by the  
 37 promotion of the activity, service, venue, or event to tourists;

38 3. To fund convention bureaus, tourist bureaus, tourist  
 39 information centers, and news bureaus as county agencies or by  
 40 contract with the chambers of commerce or similar associations  
 41 in the county, which may include any indirect administrative  
 42 costs for services performed by the county on behalf of the  
 43 promotion agency; or

44 4. To finance beach park facilities or beach improvement,  
 45 maintenance, renourishment, restoration, and erosion control,  
 46 including shoreline protection, enhancement, cleanup, or  
 47 restoration of inland lakes and rivers to which there is public  
 48 access as those uses relate to the physical preservation of the  
 49 beach, shoreline, or inland lake or river; provided, however,  
 50 that any moneys designated by a county for beach improvement,  
 51 maintenance, renourishment, restoration, or erosion control  
 52 shall not be used or loaned for any other purpose. In counties  
 53 of less than 100,000 population, no more than 10 percent of the  
 54 revenues from the tourist development tax may be used for beach  
 55 park facilities.

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