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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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