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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Finance and Tax (Pruitt) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

Between lines 49 and 50

insert:

(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



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12 arenas, coliseums, or auditoriums, ~~or~~ museums that are publicly  
13 owned and operated or owned and operated by not-for-profit  
14 organizations and open to the public, or publicly owned  
15 convention center hotels and appurtenant facilities, such as  
16 walkways and meeting facilities, within the boundaries of the  
17 county or subcounty special taxing district in which the tax is  
18 levied. Tax revenues received pursuant to this section may also  
19 be used for promotion of zoological parks that are publicly  
20 owned and operated or owned and operated by not-for-profit  
21 organizations and open to the public. However, these purposes  
22 may be implemented through service contracts and leases with  
23 lessees with sufficient expertise or financial capability to  
24 operate such facilities;

25       2. To promote and advertise tourism in the State of Florida  
26 and nationally and internationally; however, if tax revenues are  
27 expended for an activity, service, venue, or event, the  
28 activity, service, venue, or event shall have as one of its main  
29 purposes the attraction of tourists as evidenced by the  
30 promotion of the activity, service, venue, or event to tourists;

31       3. To fund convention bureaus, tourist bureaus, tourist  
32 information centers, and news bureaus as county agencies or by  
33 contract with the chambers of commerce or similar associations  
34 in the county, which may include any indirect administrative  
35 costs for services performed by the county on behalf of the  
36 promotion agency; or

37       4. To finance beach park facilities or beach improvement,  
38 maintenance, renourishment, restoration, and erosion control,  
39 including shoreline protection, enhancement, cleanup, or  
40 restoration of inland lakes and rivers to which there is public



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41 access as those uses relate to the physical preservation of the  
42 beach, shoreline, or inland lake or river. However, any funds  
43 identified by a county as the local matching source for beach  
44 renourishment, restoration, or erosion control projects included  
45 in the long-range budget plan of the state's Beach Management  
46 Plan, pursuant to s. 161.091, or funds contractually obligated  
47 by a county in the financial plan for a federally authorized  
48 shore protection project may not be used or loaned for any other  
49 purpose. In counties of less than 100,000 population, no more  
50 than 10 percent of the revenues from the tourist development tax  
51 may be used for beach park facilities.

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53 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

54 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

55 Delete lines 11 - 12

56 and insert:

57 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and paragraph  
58 (a) of subsection (5) of section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, are  
59 amended to read:

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61 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

62 And the title is amended as follows:

63 Delete line 6

64 and insert:

65 timeshare resort products; expanding the use of  
66 revenues derived from the tourist development tax to  
67 include publicly owned convention center hotels and  
68 their facilities; providing application and