

By Senator Gaetz

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to tourist development taxes; amending
3 s. 125.0104, F.S.; specifying additional uses for
4 revenues received from tourist development taxes for
5 certain coastal counties; conforming a cross-
6 reference; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section
11 125.0104, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (d),
12 present paragraph (d) is amended, and a new paragraph (c) is
13 added to that subsection, to read:

14 125.0104 Tourist development tax; procedure for levying;
15 authorized uses; referendum; enforcement.—

16 (5) AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUE.—

17 (c) A coastal county with at least nine municipalities and
18 an estimated population of less than 225,000 according to the
19 most recent population estimate prepared pursuant to s. 186.901,
20 excluding the inmate population, may also use tax revenues
21 received pursuant to this section to fund beach safety personnel
22 and lifeguard operational activities in areas with public
23 access.

24 (e)~~(d)~~ Any use of the local option tourist development tax
25 revenues collected pursuant to this section for a purpose not
26 expressly authorized by paragraph (3)(l) or paragraph (3)(n) or
27 paragraph (a), paragraph (b), ~~or~~ paragraph (c), or paragraph (d)
28 of this subsection is expressly prohibited.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.