

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 224

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO

FUNDS/FUNDING: Dedicates state sales and use taxes levied on hotel rooms in residences in Orleans Parish into the New Orleans Quality of Life Fund

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:302.56, 322.49, and 332.55, relative to the disposition of certain sales and  
3 use tax collections in Orleans Parish; to establish the New Orleans Quality of Life  
4 Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the deposit of monies into  
5 the fund; to provide for the use of such monies; to provide for an effective date; and  
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:302.56, 322.49, and 332.55 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §302.56. Disposition of certain collections in Orleans Parish

10 A. The avails of the tax imposed by this Chapter from the sale of services as  
11 defined in R.S. 47:301(14)(a) collected from hotels as defined in R.S.  
12 47:301(6)(a)(ii) in Orleans Parish under the provisions of R.S. 47:302(C), shall be  
13 credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and after a sufficient amount  
14 is allocated from that fund to pay all of the obligations secured by the full faith and  
15 credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer  
16 shall pay the remainder of such funds into a special fund which is hereby created in  
17 the state treasury and designated as the "New Orleans Quality of Life Fund."

18 B. The monies in the New Orleans Quality of Life Fund shall be subject to  
19 annual appropriation by the legislature. All unexpended and unencumbered monies  
20 remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The

1 monies in the fund shall be invested by the treasurer in the same manner as the  
2 monies in the state general fund, and all interest earned shall be deposited into the  
3 state general fund.

4 C. Monies appropriated from the fund shall be available for use by the city  
5 of New Orleans to improve the quality of life of its residents, including but not  
6 limited to code enforcement, law enforcement, sanitation, emergency medical  
7 services, fire protection, and street repairs and improvements.

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9 §322.49. Disposition of certain collections in Orleans Parish

10 A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 47:322.38, the avails of the tax  
11 imposed by R.S. 47:321 from the sales of services as defined in R.S. 47:301(14)(a)  
12 collected from hotels as defined in R.S. 47:301(6)(a)(ii) in Orleans Parish under the  
13 provisions of R.S. 47:321(C) and 322, as applicable, shall be credited to the Bond  
14 Security and Redemption Fund, and after a sufficient amount is allocated from that  
15 fund to pay all of the obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state  
16 which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall pay the  
17 remainder of such funds into the New Orleans Quality of Life Fund as provided in  
18 and subject to the provisions of R.S. 47:302.56.

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20 §332.55. Disposition of certain collections in Orleans Parish

21 Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 47:332.10, the avails of the tax  
22 imposed by R.S. 47:331 from the sales of services as defined in R.S. 47:301(14)(a)  
23 collected from hotels as defined in R.S. 47:301(6)(a) (ii) in Orleans Parish under the  
24 provisions of R.S. 47:331(C) and 332 shall be credited to the Bond Security and  
25 Redemption Fund, and after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay  
26 all the obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due  
27 and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall pay the remainder of such  
28 funds into the New Orleans Quality of Life Fund as provided in and subject to the  
29 provisions of R.S. 47:302.56.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017; if vetoed by the governor  
2 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
3 2017, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Dedicates the avails of the state sales tax collected on hotel rooms in residences in Orleans Parish to the New Orleans Quality of Life Fund.

Present law (R.S. 47:322.38) dedicates 1% of the state sales and use tax on hotel rooms in Orleans Parish into the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center Phase IV Expansion Project Fund, the New Orleans Sports Franchise Fund, and the New Orleans Area Economic Development Fund.

Present law (R.S. 47:332.10) dedicates .97% of the state sales and use tax on hotel rooms in Orleans Parish into the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau Fund.

Present law (Art. VII, §47(M) of the Constitution of 1921) authorizes the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District (LSED) to levy a hotel occupancy tax. Defines "hotels" as establishments of ten or more guest rooms. In the event the occupancy tax is levied, present law abates the 2% state sales tax on hotel fees and rentals covered by the occupancy tax.

Proposed law creates the New Orleans Quality of Life Fund as a special fund in the state treasury. Dedicates 3.97% of the state sales and use tax levied on hotel rooms in residential locations collected in Orleans Parish to the New Orleans Quality of Life Fund to be used by the city of New Orleans to improve the quality of life of its residents, including but not limited to code enforcement, law enforcement, sanitation, emergency medical services, fire protection, and street repairs and improvements.

Effective July 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 47:302.56, 322.49, and 332.55)