
DIGEST

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HB 43 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to levy and collect an occupancy tax on short term rentals of overnight lodging at a rate not to exceed 6.75%, subject to voter approval.

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans, subject to voter approval, to levy and collect an occupancy tax on short term rentals. Provides that such tax shall not exceed 6.75% of the rent or fee charged for such occupancy.

Proposed law defines short term rental to mean rental of all or a portion of a residential dwelling for lodging purposes for a period of less than 30 days.

Proposed law requires that the tax be paid by the person who exercises or is entitled to occupancy of the short term rental at the time the rent or fee for occupancy is paid. Authorizes the governing authority to contract with any public entity authorized to collect sales or use taxes for the collection of the short term rental tax. Requires that an amount equal to 25% of the tax proceeds be allocated, pursuant to a cooperative endeavor agreement, to New Orleans & Company to promote tourism and an amount equal to 75% of the tax proceeds be dedicated to the infrastructure fund of the city.

Effective July 1, 2019.

(Adds R.S. 47:338.220)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Require that an amount equal to 25% of the tax proceeds be allocated to New Orleans and Company to market tourism.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Authorize, rather than require, the city to impose the tax by ordinance.
2. Require that tax proceeds dedicated to New Orleans & Company be used to promote, rather than market, tourism.