

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1511

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE KAUFER

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1 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 5 and 6

2 (1.2) "Booking agent." A person or entity which facilitates  
3 or collects payment for hotel accommodations on behalf of or for  
4 an operator. The term "booking agent" shall not include a person  
5 who merely publishes advertisements for accommodations.

6 Amend Bill, page 2, line 6, by striking out "(1.2)" and  
7 inserting

8 (1.3)

9 Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by striking out "an intermediary"  
10 and inserting

11 a booking agent

12 Amend Bill, page 2, line 8, by striking out "intermediary"  
13 and inserting

14 booking agent

15 Amend Bill, page 2, line 9, by striking out "(1.3)" and  
16 inserting

17 (1.4)

18 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 14 through 16, by striking out all  
19 of said lines

20 Amend Bill, page 2, line 28, by inserting after "hotel"

21 or acting as a booking agency

22 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 5 and 6, by striking out "any"  
23 amount charged by an intermediary to an occupant and retained by  
24 an intermediary" and inserting

25 accommodation fees

Amend Bill, page 3, line 8, by inserting after "whatsoever"

, including any amount charged by a booking agent

Amend Bill, page 3, line 14, by striking out "or an

intermediary"

Amend Bill, page 3, line 16, by inserting after "provided."

If a booking agent, acting for an operator, collects payment for the rent, the booking agent must collect and remit the tax.

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 17 through 20, by striking out "(1)

An intermediary shall be liable for the tax" in line 17, all of

lines 18 and 19 and "(2)" in line 20

Amend Bill, page 3, line 22, by striking out "An

intermediary" and inserting

A booking agent

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 29 and 30; page 4, lines 1 and 2;

by striking out "The tax collected by intermediaries under

section 210" in line 29, all of line 30 on page 3, all of line 1

and "Commonwealth" in line 2 on page 4 and inserting

Of the amount collected under this article, ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be transferred annually to the Tourism Promotion Fund

Amend Bill, page 4, line 3, by striking out "Department of

Community and Economic Development" and inserting

department

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 6 and 7

(c.1) Money from the fund may not be used for the promotion or marketing operations of a tourism entity or for special events or grants until thirty days after the publication of the guidelines, rules and regulations under subsection (c) in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

(c.2) The following shall apply:

(1) No more than fifty per cent of the funds available for disbursement under subsection (b) may be distributed for the purposes of promotion or marketing operations of a tourism entity or for special events or grants.

(2) Funding for the promotion or marketing operations of a

1 tourism entity, special events or grants shall require a fifty  
2 per cent cash or in-kind match.

3 (3) A single recipient of funding under subsection (c.2)(2)  
4 may not be awarded more than fifteen per cent of the total funds  
5 available for disbursement under subsection (b). This paragraph  
6 shall not apply to contracts entered into by the department for  
7 statewide tourism promotion or marketing.

8 (c.3) Funds available for disbursement under subsection (b)  
9 may not be used for capital projects or for the design,  
10 construction, rehabilitation, repair, installation or purchase  
11 of any building, structure or sign in this Commonwealth.

12 Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 9 and 10

13 "Department." The Department of Community and Economic  
14 Development of the Commonwealth.

15 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 18 and 19, by striking out  
16 "operations of tourism promotion agencies and regional  
17 attractions marketing agencies" and inserting

18 the promotion or marketing operations of a tourism  
19 entity

20 Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 21 and 22

21 "Tourism entity." A "tourism promotion agency" as defined in  
22 section 2 of the act of July 4, 2008 (P.L.621, No.50), known as  
23 the Tourism Promotion Act, destination marketing organization or  
24 regional attractions marketing agency.