

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1016

SENATE BILL NO. 1676

By Briggs, Bowling, Powers

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2240

By Cochran, Hawk, White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 4 and Title 67, Chapter 4, relative to occupancy taxes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-1403, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

(c)(1) Not less than thirty (30) days after the end of a municipality's fiscal year, each municipality that receives revenue from a tax levied pursuant to this part shall provide an annual written report to the comptroller of the treasury, the commissioner of the department of tourist development, the chair of the state and local government committee of the senate, and the chair of the local government committee of the house of representatives. The report must detail the amount of revenue spent by the municipality, and its subordinate contractors, and how those expenditures have been designated and used for tourism and tourism development pursuant to this part.

(2) If an audit by the comptroller, in consultation with the department of tourist development, or by contractors employed by a local municipality with the approval of the comptroller, finds that a municipality has spent funds derived from a tax levied pursuant to this part for purposes not related to the promotion of tourism and tourism development as required by subsection (a), the municipality shall, using general funds, appropriate an amount equal to the amount spent improperly to be used to support tourism and tourism development purposes within the immediately following fiscal year.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (b), a municipality shall not use revenue from the tax levied pursuant to this part for general government spending or on items that were previously funded by the municipality's general appropriations.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

SENATE BILL NO. 1676

PASSED: April 24, 2024




RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 25th day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR