

HB 824 -- TOURISM TAX

SPONSOR: Seigfreid

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 16 to 0.

This bill allows the City of Concordia to impose a tourism tax on all hotel and motel rooms within the city. The tax cannot exceed 5% per room per night, and all proceeds from the tax must be used to promote tourism.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is necessary for the city to promote itself.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Seigfreid.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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