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SENATE BILL NO. 512

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 38 of Title 58.1 a section numbered 58.1-3824, relating to an additional transient occupancy tax in Fairfax County.

Patrons—Mims; Delegate: Hugo

Referred to Committee on Finance

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 38 of Title 58.1 a section numbered 58.1-3824 as follows:

§ 58.1-3824. Additional transient occupancy tax in Fairfax County.

In addition to such transient occupancy taxes as are authorized by this chapter, beginning July 1, 2004, and ending midnight on June 30, 2008, Fairfax County may impose an additional transient occupancy tax not to exceed two percent of the amount of charge for the occupancy of any room or space occupied; provided that the board of supervisors of the County appropriates the revenues collected from such tax as follows:

1. No more than 75 percent of such revenues shall be designated for and appropriated to the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority to be spent for tourism promotion in the County after consultation with local tourism industry organizations and in direct support of the local tourism industry; and

2. No less than 25 percent of such revenues shall be designated for and appropriated to a nonprofit convention and visitor's bureau located in Fairfax County.

The tax imposed hereunder shall not apply to rooms or spaces rented and continuously occupied by the same individual or same group of individuals for 30 or more days.

For purposes of this section, "tourism promotion" means direct funding designated and spent solely for tourism, marketing of tourism or initiatives that, as determined in consultation with the local tourism industry organizations, attract travelers to the locality and generate tourism revenues in the locality.

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