



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5096

Introduced 2/10/2026, by Rep. Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/5-1195 new
55 ILCS 5/11-13-30 new

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the corporate authorities of a county may not allow a hotel within the county that is not within the boundaries of a municipality to operate as a refugee shelter unless the hotel has received permission to operate as a refugee shelter from the corporate authorities of the county. Provides that the corporate authorities of a county may only provide a hotel with permission to operate as a refugee shelter for a period of not more than 2 years. Provides that the corporate authorities of a county may renew a hotel's permission to operate as a refugee shelter. Provides that the corporate authorities of a county shall require a hotel operating as a refugee shelter to comply with the zoning laws of the county. Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Adds similar requirements for the corporate authorities of a municipality concerning hotels operating within municipalities.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Sections
5 5-1195 and 11-13-30 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1195 new)

7 Sec. 5-1195. Hotels operating as refugee shelters.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Hotel" has the meaning given to that term in Section 5-5
10 of the Hotel and Casino Employee Safety Act.

11 "Refugee shelter" means a place that provides essential
12 services for refugees forced to flee their homes due to
13 conflict, persecution, or disaster.

14 (b) The corporate authorities of a county may not allow a
15 hotel within the county that is not within the boundaries of a
16 municipality to operate as a refugee shelter unless the hotel
17 has received permission to operate as a refugee shelter from
18 the corporate authorities of the county.

19 (c) The corporate authorities of a county may only provide
20 a hotel with permission to operate as a refugee shelter for a
21 period of not more than 2 years. The corporate authorities of a
22 county may renew a hotel's permission to operate as a refugee
23 shelter.

1 (d) The corporate authorities of a county shall require a
2 hotel operating as a refugee shelter to comply with the zoning
3 laws of the county.

4 (e) This Section does not apply if the Governor declares a
5 disaster under Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management
6 Agency Act.

7 (55 ILCS 5/11-13-30 new)

8 Sec. 11-13-30. Hotels operating as refugee shelters.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Hotel" has the meaning given to that term in Section 5-5
11 of the Hotel and Casino Employee Safety Act.

12 "Refugee shelter" means a place that provides essential
13 services for refugees forced to flee their homes due to
14 conflict, persecution, or disaster.

15 (b) The corporate authorities of a municipality may not
16 allow a hotel within the municipality to operate as a refugee
17 shelter unless the hotel has received permission to operate as
18 a refugee shelter from the corporate authorities of the
19 municipality.

20 (c) The corporate authorities of a municipality may only
21 provide a hotel with permission to operate as a refugee
22 shelter for a period of not more than 2 years. The corporate
23 authorities of a municipality may renew a hotel's permission
24 to operate as a refugee shelter.

25 (d) The corporate authorities of a municipality shall

1 require a hotel operating as a refugee shelter to comply with
2 the zoning laws of the municipality.

3 (e) This Section does not apply if the Governor declares a
4 disaster under Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management
5 Agency Act.