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- 1 AN ACT concerning tourism.
- 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
- 3 represented in the General Assembly:
- 4 Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Community
- 5 Affairs Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
- 6 amended by changing Section 605-705 as follows:
- 7 (20 ILCS 605/605-705) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.6a)
- 8 Sec. 605-705. Grants to local tourism and convention
- 9 bureaus.

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(a) To establish a grant program for local tourism and 10 convention bureaus. The Department of Commerce and Community 11 Affairs will develop and implement a program for the use of 12 13 funds, as authorized under this Act, by local tourism and convention bureaus. For the purposes of this Act, bureaus 14 15 eligible to receive funds are those local tourism and 16 convention bureaus that are (i) either units of local government or incorporated as not-for-profit organizations; 17 18 (ii) in legal existence for a minimum of 2 years before July 1, 2001; (iii) operating with a paid, full-time staff whose 19 20 sole purpose is to promote tourism in the designated service area; and (iv) affiliated with one or more municipalities or 21 22 counties that support the bureau with local hotel-motel taxes. After July 1, 2001, bureaus requesting certification 23 in order to receive funds for the first time must be local 24 tourism and convention bureaus that are (i) either units of 25 26 local government or incorporated as not-for-profit 27 organizations; (ii) in legal existence for a minimum of 2 years before the request for certification; (iii) operating 28 with a paid, full-time staff whose sole purpose is to promote 29 tourism in the designated service area; and (iv) affiliated 30

with multiple municipalities or counties that support the

- 1 bureau with local hotel-motel taxes. Each bureau receiving
- 2 funds under this Act will be certified by the Department as
- 3 the designated recipient to serve an area of the State.
- 4 (b) To distribute grants to local tourism and convention
- 5 bureaus from appropriations made from the Local Tourism Fund
- 6 for that purpose. Of the amounts appropriated annually to
- 7 the Department for expenditure under this Section, one-third
- 8 of those monies shall be used for grants to convention and
- 9 tourism bureaus in cities with a population greater than
- 10 500,000. The remaining two-thirds of the annual
- 11 appropriation shall be used for grants to convention and
- 12 tourism bureaus in the remainder of the State, in accordance
- 13 with a formula based upon the population served. The
- 14 Department may reserve up to 10% of the total appropriated to
- 15 conduct audits of grants, to provide incentive funds to those
- 16 bureaus that will conduct promotional activities designed to
- 17 further the Department's statewide advertising campaign, to
- 18 fund special statewide promotional activities, and to fund
- 19 promotional activities that support an increased use of the
- 20 State's parks or historic sites.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99;
- 22 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-38, eff. 6-28-01.)