

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

State of Arkansas      *As Engrossed: S2/20/19 S3/7/19 H3/18/19*  
92nd General Assembly      **A Bill**  
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SENATE BILL 203

By: Senator Teague

*By: Representative Gonzales*

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW PERTAINING TO MUNICIPAL  
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION TAXES; TO DECLARE AN  
EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

TO AMEND THE LAW PERTAINING TO MUNICIPAL  
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION TAXES; AND TO  
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-75-602(c), concerning municipal advertising and promotion taxes, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The tax authorized in this subchapter shall be upon any one (1) or more of the following, as specified in the levying ordinance:

(1) The gross receipts or gross proceeds from renting, leasing, or otherwise furnishing hotel, motel, house, cabin, bed and breakfast, campground, condominium, or other similar rental accommodations for sleeping, meeting, or party room facilities for profit in such city or town, but such accommodations shall not include the rental or lease of such accommodations for periods of thirty (30) days or more; ~~and~~

(2) The portion of the gross receipts or gross proceeds received by restaurants, cafes, cafeterias, delicatessens, drive-in restaurants, carry-out restaurants, concession stands, convenience stores, grocery store-restaurants, or similar businesses as shall be defined in the levying



ordinance from the sale of prepared food and beverages for on-premises or off-premises consumption, but such tax shall not apply to such gross receipts or gross proceeds of organizations qualified under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3); and

(3) The admission price to a state park located within the municipal boundary of the city or town.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the parks and tourism industry is a vital contributor to the Arkansas economy; that current provisions of state law regarding the taxation of certain parks inhibit the revenues available to support parks and tourism at the local level; that this act amends current tax law to encourage the growth and development of the parks and tourism industry in Arkansas by providing additional revenues that may be used to promote and support local parks and tourist attractions; and that this act is immediately necessary to enable local governments to obtain revenue in an efficient and effective manner to support the parks and tourism industry. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on April 1, 2019.

/s/Teague