## **SENATE BILL No. 729**

## September 6, 2005, Introduced by Senators HARDIMAN, BIRKHOLZ, VAN WOERKOM, GOSCHKA and GARCIA and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1985 PA 106, entitled "State convention facility development act," by amending section 3 (MCL 207.623).

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 3. As used in this act:

(a) "Accommodations" means the room or other space provided to transient guests for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping, including furnishings and other accessories in a facility -which THAT is not a campground, hospital, nursing home, emergency shelter, or community mental health or community substance abuse treatment 7 facility. Accommodations do not include food or beverages.

(b) "Commissioner" means the state <u>commissioner of revenue</u> TREASURER.

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1 (c) "Convention facility" means 1 or more facilities owned or 2 leased by a local governmental unit that are any combination of a convention hall, auditorium, meeting rooms, and exhibition areas 3 4 that are separate and distinct and contiguous to each other, and 5 related adjacent public areas generally available to members of the public for lease on a short-term basis for holding conventions, 6 meetings, exhibits, and similar events and the necessary site or 7 sites, -therefor, together with appurtenant properties necessary 8 9 and convenient for use in connection with the facility.

10 (d) "Convention hotel" means a facility used in the business 11 of providing accommodations <u>which</u> THAT has more than 80 rooms for 12 providing accommodations to transient guests and <u>which</u> THAT 13 complies with all of the following:

14 (i) Located within a county having a population according to
15 the most recent decennial census of <u>600,000</u> 750,000 or more.

16 (*ii*) Located within a county that is 1 or more of the 17 following:

18 (A) A county which has a convention facility with 350,00019 square feet or more of total exhibit space.

20 (B) A county that has 2,000 or more rooms to provide21 accommodations for transient guests.

(e) "Person" means a natural person, partnership, fiduciary,association, corporation, or other entity.

(f) "Room charge" means the charge imposed for the use or
occupancy of accommodations, excluding charges for food, beverages,
telephone services, the use tax imposed <u>pursuant to Act No. 94 of</u>
the Public Acts of 1937, being sections 205.91 to 205.111 of the

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1 Michigan Compiled Laws UNDER THE USE TAX ACT, 1937 PA 94, MCL 205.91 TO 205.111, or like services paid in connection with the 2 3 charge. Room charge does not include reimbursement of the 4 assessment imposed by the community convention or tourism marketing 5 act, Act No. 395 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sections 6 141.871 to 141.880 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1980 PA 395, MCL 141.871 TO 141.880, the convention and tourism marketing act, Act 7 No. 383 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sections 141.881 to 8 141.889 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1980 PA 383, MCL 141.881 TO 9 10 141.889, or this act. 11 (g) "Transient guest" means a natural person staying less than

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12 30 consecutive days.