

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.

10 (a) To establish a ~~grant~~ program of grants for local  
11 tourism and convention bureaus. The Department will develop  
12 and implement a program for the use of funds, as authorized  
13 under this Act, by local tourism and convention bureaus. For  
14 the purposes of this Act, bureaus eligible to receive funds  
15 are defined as those bureaus in legal existence as of January  
16 1, 1985 that are either a unit of local government or  
17 incorporated as a not-for-profit organization, are affiliated  
18 with at least one municipality or county, and employ one full  
19 time staff person whose purpose is to promote tourism. Each  
20 bureau receiving funds under this Act will be certified by  
21 the Department as the designated recipient to serve an area  
22 of the State. These funds may not be used in support of the  
23 Chicago World's Fair.

24 (b) To distribute grants to local tourism and convention  
25 bureaus from appropriations made from the Local Tourism Fund  
26 for that purpose. Of the amounts appropriated annually to  
27 the Department for expenditure under this Section, one-third  
28 of those monies shall be used for grants to convention and  
29 tourism bureaus in cities with a population greater than  
30 500,000. The remaining two-thirds of the annual  
31 appropriation shall be used for grants to convention and

1 tourism bureaus in the remainder of the State, in accordance  
2 with a formula based upon the population served. The  
3 Department may reserve up to 10% of the total appropriated to  
4 conduct audits of grants, to provide incentive funds to those  
5 bureaus that will conduct promotional activities designed to  
6 further the Department's statewide advertising campaign, to  
7 fund special statewide promotional activities, and to fund  
8 promotional activities that support an increased use of the  
9 State's parks or historic sites.

10 (Source: P.A. 90-26, eff. 7-1-97; 91-239, eff. 1-1-00;  
11 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; revised 8-4-99.)