

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 605-707 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-707) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.6d)

8 Sec. 605-707. International Tourism Program.

9 (a) The Department of Commerce and Community Affairs
10 must establish a program for international tourism. The
11 Department shall develop and implement the program on January
12 1, 2000 by rule. As part of the program, the Department may
13 work in cooperation with local convention and tourism bureaus
14 in Illinois in the coordination of international tourism
15 efforts at the State and local level. The Department may (i)
16 work in cooperation with local convention and tourism bureaus
17 for efficient use of their international tourism marketing
18 resources, (ii) promote Illinois in international meetings
19 and tourism markets, (iii) work with convention and tourism
20 bureaus throughout the State to increase the number of
21 international tourists to Illinois, (iv) provide training,
22 research, technical support, and grants to certified
23 convention and tourism bureaus, (v) provide staff,
24 administration, and related support required to manage the
25 programs under this Section, and (vi) provide grants for the
26 development of or the enhancement of international tourism
27 attractions.

28 (b) The Department shall make grants for expenses
29 related to international tourism and pay for the staffing,
30 administration, and related support from the International
31 Tourism Fund, a special fund created in the State Treasury.

1 Of the amounts deposited into the Fund in fiscal year 2000
2 after January 1, 2000, 55% shall be used for grants to
3 convention and tourism bureaus in Chicago (other than the
4 City of Chicago's Office of Tourism) and 45% shall be used
5 for development of international tourism in areas outside of
6 Chicago. Of the amounts deposited into the Fund in fiscal
7 year 2001 and thereafter, 55% shall be used for grants to
8 convention and tourism bureaus in Chicago, and of that amount
9 not less than 27.5% shall be used for grants to convention
10 and tourism bureaus in Chicago other than the City of
11 Chicago's Office of Tourism, and 45% shall be used for
12 administrative expenses authorized under this Section and
13 development of international tourism in areas outside of
14 Chicago, of which not less than \$1,000,000 shall be used
15 annually to make grants to convention and tourism bureaus in
16 cities other than Chicago that demonstrate their
17 international tourism appeal and request to develop or expand
18 their international tourism marketing program, and may also
19 be used to provide grants under item (vi) of subsection (a)
20 of this Section.

21 (c) A convention and tourism bureau is eligible to
22 receive grant moneys under this Section if the bureau is
23 certified to receive funds under Title 14 of the Illinois
24 Administrative Code, Section 550.35. To be eligible for a
25 grant, a convention and tourism bureau must provide matching
26 funds equal to the grant amount. In certain circumstances as
27 determined by the Director of Commerce and Community Affairs,
28 however, the City of Chicago's Office of Tourism or any other
29 convention and tourism bureau may provide matching funds
30 equal to no less than 50% of the grant amount to be eligible
31 to receive the grant. One-half of this 50% may be provided
32 through in-kind contributions. Grants received by the City of
33 Chicago's Office of Tourism and by convention and tourism
34 bureaus in Chicago may be expended for the general purposes

1 of promoting conventions and tourism.

2 (Source: P.A. 91-604, eff. 8-16-99; 91-683, eff. 1-26-00;

3 92-38, eff. 6-28-01.)