

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, and (v) provide staff,
24 administration, and related support required to manage the
25 programs under this Section.

26 (b) The Department shall make grants and pay for the
27 staffing, administration, and related support from the
28 International Tourism Fund, a special fund created in the
29 State Treasury. Of the amounts deposited into the Fund in
30 fiscal year 2000 after January 1, 2000, 55% shall be used for
31 grants to convention and tourism bureaus in Chicago (other

1 than the City of Chicago's Office of Tourism) and 45% shall
2 be used for development of international tourism in areas
3 outside of Chicago. Of the amounts deposited into the Fund
4 in fiscal year 2002 ~~2001~~ and thereafter, 55% ~~27.5%~~ shall be
5 ~~used for grants to the City of Chicago's Office of Tourism,~~
6 27.5% shall be used for grants to other convention and
7 tourism bureaus in Chicago, and 45% shall be used for
8 administrative expenses authorized under this Section and
9 development of international tourism in areas outside of
10 Chicago, of which not less than \$1,000,000 shall be used
11 annually to make grants to convention and tourism bureaus in
12 cities other than Chicago that demonstrate their
13 international tourism appeal and request to develop or expand
14 their international tourism marketing program.

15 (c) A convention and tourism bureau is eligible to
16 receive grant moneys under this Section if the bureau is
17 certified to receive funds under Title 14 of the Illinois
18 Administrative Code, Section 550.35. The City of Chicago's
19 Office of Tourism and all convention and tourism bureaus must
20 provide matching funds equal to the grant to be eligible to
21 receive the grant. Grants received by the City of Chicago's
22 Office of Tourism and by convention and tourism bureaus in
23 Chicago may be expended for the general purposes of promoting
24 conventions and tourism.

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

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
27 July 1, 2001.