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Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to extending the expiration of the authority granted to the county of Suffolk to impose hotel and motel taxes and authorizing ten percent of all revenues collected from said tax shall be paid to the town supervisors of the towns of East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Southampton, and Southold for the purposes of expanding and promoting public transit in said towns in conjunction with the Long Island Rail Road in order to foster economic development

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivisions 6 and 7 of section 1202-o of the tax law, subdivision 6 as amended by chapter 159 of the laws of 2009 and subdivision 7 as amended by chapter 348 of the laws of 2015, are amended to read as follows:

(6) Such local law shall provide that all revenues resulting from the imposition of the tax payable hereunder shall be paid into the treasury of the county of Suffolk and shall be distributed within thirty days of receipt by the county under the following formula: (a) twenty-four percent of all revenues collected, but not more than two million dollars per fiscal year, shall be delivered to the tourism promotion agency which the county of Suffolk contracts with pursuant to the provisions of subdivision five of this section; (b) ten percent of all revenues collected shall be utilized by the county of Suffolk in support of cultural programs and activities relevant to the continuation and enhancement of the tourism industry which may be increased one percent each county fiscal year by the Suffolk county legislature to an amount not to exceed fifteen percent of all revenues collected as such legislature reduces the allocation for the purposes of paragraph (c) of this subdivision; (c) ten percent of all revenues collected shall be utilized

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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by the county of Suffolk for the support of any museum accredited by the American Association of Museums, which is located in such county's first dedicated park and is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places, such amount may be decreased one percent each county fiscal year by the Suffolk county legislature to an amount not less than five percent of all revenues collected; (d) eight percent of all revenues collected shall be utilized by the county of Suffolk for the support of other museums, and historical societies, historic residences and historic birthplaces, provided that of such eight percent, an amount equal to one and one-half percent of all revenue collected shall be utilized by the county of Suffolk for program support of a not-for-profit museum organization that manages a National Register of Historic Places site in Suffolk county that has been named a National Treasure, is part of a National Recreational Trail and is a New York state historic site; (e) twenty percent of all revenues collected shall be utilized by the county of Suffolk for the care, maintenance, and interpretation for the general public of the historic structures, sites and unique natural areas that are managed by the Suffolk county department of parks and recreation for sites and activities that are open to tourists on a regular and predictable basis; (f) not more than two percent of all revenues collected by the county of Suffolk for the promotion of the county of Suffolk as a film friendly location through the county department of economic development and workforce housing; **(g) ten percent of all revenues collected shall be paid to the town supervisors of the towns of East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Southampton, and Southold for the purposes of expanding and promoting public transit in said towns in conjunction with the Long Island Rail Road; said revenues shall be apportioned to each town based upon population;** and [~~(g)~~] **(h)** all remaining revenue collected by the county of Suffolk shall be deposited into the general fund of such county to be utilized for general park purposes.

Schedules of availability of all historic and cultural activities and events funded from any part of these revenues shall be provided to the aforementioned tourism promotion agency which is contracted with by the county of Suffolk so as to enhance tourism promotion and tourist visitation.

Annually, the department of economic development and workforce housing of the county of Suffolk shall submit, to the county executive and the county legislature of such county, a report on such department's progress on the promotion of the county of Suffolk as a film friendly location, and annual statistics of the revenue generated pursuant to paragraph (f) of this subdivision.

(7) Such local law shall provide for the imposition of a hotel or motel tax until December thirty-first, two thousand [~~seventeen~~] **twenty-two**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.