AN ACT

RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF "CONVENTION CENTER" IN THE CONVENTION CENTER FINANCING ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 5-13-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 87, Section 1) is amended to read:

"5-13-1. SHORT TITLE.--Chapter 5, Article 13 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Convention Center Financing Act"."

SECTION 2. Section 5-13-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 87, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"5-13-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Convention Center Financing Act:

- A. "convention center" includes a civic center or convention center that includes space for rent by the public for the primary purpose of increasing tourism;
- B. "convention center fee" means the fee imposed by a local governmental entity pursuant to the Convention Center Financing Act on vendees for the use of lodging facilities;
- C. "local governmental entity" means a qualified municipality or a county authorized by the Convention Center Financing Act to impose convention center fees;
- D. "lodging facility" means a hotel, motel or motor hotel, a bed and breakfast facility, an inn, a resort or HB 223

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other facility offering rooms for payment of rent or other consideration;

- E. "qualified municipality" means an incorporated municipality or an H class county;
- F. "room" means a unit of a lodging facility, such as a hotel room;
- G. "vendee" means a person who rents or pays consideration to a vendor for use of a room; and
- H. "vendor" means a person or the person's agent who furnishes rooms for occupancy for consideration."_____

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