

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Amend SS/House Bill No. 2400, Page 1, Section A, Line 3,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

3 "208.798. The provisions of sections 208.780 to
4 208.798 shall terminate on August 28, ~~[2022]~~ 2029."; and

5 Further amend said bill, page 5, section 285.730, line
6 143, by inserting after all of said line the following:

7 "620.1620. 1. This section shall be known and may be
8 cited as the "Meet in Missouri Act".

9 2. As used in this section, the following terms shall
10 mean:

11 (1) "Director", the director of the department of
12 economic development;

13 (2) "Eligible commission", any regional convention and
14 visitors commission created under section 67.601; any body
15 designated by the division of tourism official destination
16 marketing organization for a Missouri county which is
17 designated as the single representative organization for the
18 county to solicit and service tourism;

19 (3) "Eligible major convention event costs", all
20 operational costs of the venue of a major convention event
21 including, but not limited to, costs related to the
22 following: security, venue utilities, cleaning, production
23 of the event, installation and dismantling, facility rental
24 charges, personnel, construction to prepare the venue, and
25 other temporary facility construction;

26 (4) "Fund", the major economic convention event in
27 Missouri fund established in this section;

28 (5) "Grant", an amount of money equal to the total
29 amount of eligible major convention event costs listed in an
30 approved major convention plan to be disbursed at the
31 requested date from the fund to an eligible commission by
32 the state treasurer at the direction of the director which
33 shall not exceed the amount of estimated total sales taxes
34 to be received by the state generated by sleeping rooms paid
35 by guests of hotels and motels reasonably believed to be
36 occupied due to the major convention event;

37 (6) "Major convention event", any convention if more
38 than fifty percent of attendees travel to the convention
39 from outside of Missouri and require overnight hotel
40 accommodations;

41 (7) "Major convention plan", a written plan for the
42 administration of a major convention event, containing such
43 information as shall be requested by the director to
44 establish that the event covered by the application is a
45 major convention event including, but not limited to, the
46 start and end dates of the major convention event, an
47 identification of the organization planning the event, the
48 location of the event, projected total and out-of-state
49 attendance, projected contracted and actual hotel room
50 nights, projected costs and revenues anticipated to be
51 received by the eligible commission in connection with the
52 event, the eligible major convention event costs, and
53 evidence of satisfaction of the conditions of subsection 5
54 of this section.

55 3. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury
56 the "Major Economic Convention Event in Missouri Fund",
57 which shall consist of moneys appropriated from the general
58 revenue fund as prescribed in subsection 6 of this section

59 and any gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests received
60 from federal, private, or other sources. The state
61 treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance
62 with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may
63 approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund
64 and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used
65 solely for the administration of this section.

66 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080
67 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end
68 of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the
69 general revenue fund.

70 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the
71 fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any
72 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be
73 credited to the fund.

74 4. For major convention plans which have complied with
75 subsection 5 of this section, in addition to funds otherwise
76 made available under Missouri law, a grant shall be paid
77 from the fund by the department of economic development to
78 the eligible commission at the requested date. Any transfer
79 of a grant from the fund to the treasurer or other
80 designated financial officer of an eligible commission with
81 an approved major convention plan shall be deposited in a
82 separate, segregated account of such commission. The
83 eligible commission shall agree to hold such funds until the
84 major convention event has occurred and not disburse the
85 funds until such time as the report in subsection 7 has been
86 submitted.

87 5. The director shall not disburse a grant until the
88 director or his or her designee has approved a written major
89 convention plan submitted to the department of economic
90 development by an eligible commission requesting a grant.
91 The director or his or her designee shall not approve any

92 submitted major convention plan unless he or she finds that
93 the following conditions have been met:

94 (1) The applicant submitting the major convention plan
95 is an eligible commission;

96 (2) The projected start and end dates of the planned
97 major convention event and the requested date of
98 disbursement of the grant are no later than five years from
99 the date of the application; and

100 (3) There is sufficient evidence that:

101 (a) The event shall qualify as a major convention
102 event under this section including, but not limited to,
103 evidence of the actual number of contracted advance hotel
104 reservations or projected out-of-state attendance numbers
105 and actual hotel room usage from comparable past events;

106 (b) A request for proposal or similar documentation
107 demonstrates the applicant eligible commission is competing
108 for the event against non-Missouri cities;

109 (c) Without the grant, the major convention event
110 would not be reasonably anticipated to occur in Missouri; and

111 (d) The positive net fiscal impact to general revenue
112 of the state through any and all taxes attributable to the
113 major convention event exceeds the amount of the major
114 convention grant.

115 In reviewing such evidence, the director shall take into
116 account any expenditures by an attendee for sleeping rooms
117 paid by guests of the hotels and motels typically
118 constitutes less than fifty percent of the expenditures by
119 such attendees at a major convention event.

120 6. (1) Upon verification that the major convention
121 plan complies with the terms of subsection 5 of this
122 section, the director or his or her designee shall issue a
123 certificate of approval to the eligible commission stating
124 the date on which such grant shall be disbursed and the

125 total amount of the grant, which shall be equal to the
126 eligible major convention event costs listed in the approved
127 major convention plan. The amount of any grant shall not
128 exceed more than fifty percent of the cost of hosting the
129 major convention event, positive net fiscal impact to
130 general revenue, or one million dollars, whichever is less.

131 (2) All approved grants scheduled for disbursement
132 each year shall be disbursed from the general revenue fund
133 subject to appropriation by the general assembly. Any such
134 appropriation shall not exceed three million dollars in any
135 year.

136 (3) Upon such annual appropriation and transfer into
137 the fund from the general revenue fund, the director shall
138 disburse all grants pursuant to certificates of approval.

139 7. (1) Within one hundred eighty days of the
140 conclusion of any major convention event for which a grant
141 was disbursed under this section, the eligible commission
142 that received such grant shall provide a written report to
143 the director detailing the final amount of eligible major
144 convention event costs incurred and actual attendance
145 figures which certify compliance with this section. If the
146 final amount of total eligible major convention event costs
147 is less than the amount of the grant disbursed to the
148 eligible commission under an approved major convention plan,
149 such commission shall refund to the state treasurer the
150 excess greater than fifty percent of the actual cost for
151 deposit into the fund.

152 (2) An eligible commission shall refund the following
153 amounts to the state treasurer based on the actual
154 attendance figures in relation to the projected total
155 attendance for the event as provided in the major convention
156 plan:

157 (a) If the actual attendance figure is less than
158 twenty-five percent of the projected total attendance, the
159 commission shall refund an amount equal to the full amount
160 of the grant;

161 (b) If the actual attendance figure is equal to or
162 less than eighty-five percent and greater than or equal to
163 twenty-five percent of the projected total attendance, the
164 commission shall keep a portion of the grant received under
165 this section equal to the proportion of the actual
166 attendance figure to the projected attendance figure rounded
167 to the nearest dollar and refund the remaining amount;

168 (c) If the actual attendance figure is greater than
169 eighty-five percent of the projected total attendance, the
170 commission shall keep the entire grant amount received under
171 this section unless otherwise provided by this section.

172 (3) The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply
173 where attendance at the convention is adversely affected by
174 a man-made disaster including, but not limited to, an
175 uprising or other civil unrest or where attendance at the
176 convention is adversely affected by a substantial inclement
177 weather-related event.

178 8. Any amounts that are refunded from a grant under
179 this section shall be returned to the major economic
180 convention event in Missouri fund to be used for future
181 grants.

182 9. In accordance with the provisions of sections
183 23.250 to 23.298 and unless otherwise authorized pursuant to
184 section 23.253:

185 (1) The program authorized under the provisions of
186 this section shall automatically sunset six years after
187 August 28, [2016] 2022; and

188 (2) This section shall terminate on September first of
189 the year following the year in which any new program

190 authorized under this section is sunset, and the revisor of
191 statutes shall designate such sections and this section in a
192 revision bill for repeal."; and

193 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.