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SENATE BILL **213-FN-A-LOCAL**

- AN ACT establishing a committee to study the formula for distribution of meals and rooms tax revenues.
- SPONSORS: Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Rep. Buco, Carr 2; Rep. Wood, Rock 21; Rep. Cali-Pitts, Rock 30; Rep. Infantine, Hills 13

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the formula for distribution of meals and rooms tax revenues.

Explanation:Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics.**
Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the formula for distribution of meals and rooms tax revenues.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 181:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the formula for 2 distribution of meals and rooms tax revenues.
- 3 181:2 Membership and Compensation.
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- I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the president of the 6 senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader.

- 7 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the 8 speaker of the house of representatives and one of whom shall be appointed by the house minority 9 leader.
- 10 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to 11 the duties of the committee.
- 12 181:3 Duties.
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I. The committee shall study:

- (a) The present formula for distribution of meals and rooms tax revenues and whether ornot it should be changed and if so, how.
- (b) Alternative methods for municipalities to address the high cost of serving tourism in
 their communities, including enabling the implementation of a local hotel occupancy surcharge.
- 18 II. The committee shall invite stakeholders and solicit input and advice from persons and19 entities the committee deems relevant to its study.

20 181:4 Chairperson; Meetings. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson 21 from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named 22 senate member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date 23 of this section.

181:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2015.

27 181:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

28 Approved: June 26, 2015 Effective Date: June 26, 2015