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Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWERS OF REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) As used in sections 2 and
2 3 of this act:

3 (1) "Legislative body" means the council, commission, board, body
4 or town meeting, by whatever name it may be known, having or
5 exercising the general legislative powers and functions of a
6 municipality;

7 (2) "Municipality" means any town, city or borough, consolidated
8 town and city, or consolidated town and borough; and

9 (3) "Regional council of government" means a regional council of
10 governments organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-
11 124p, inclusive, of the general statutes.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) Notwithstanding any
13 provision of the general statutes or any special act, municipal charter
14 or home rule ordinance, a regional council of government and

15 municipalities that are members of such regional council of
16 government may enter into an agreement to share revenues received
17 by such municipalities for payment of real and personal property
18 taxes. The agreement shall be prepared pursuant to negotiations and
19 shall contain all provisions on which there is mutual agreement
20 between the regional council of government and municipalities,
21 including, but not limited to, specification of the tax revenues to be
22 shared, and the collection and uses of such shared revenue. The
23 agreement shall establish procedures for amendment, termination and
24 withdrawal. The negotiations shall include an opportunity for public
25 participation. The agreement shall be approved by the regional council
26 of government and each municipality that is a party to the agreement
27 by resolution of the legislative body.

28 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) Notwithstanding any
29 provision of the general statutes or any special act, municipal charter
30 or home rule ordinance, a regional council of government may impose
31 a surcharge on any tax authorized by the general statutes that is
32 collected in the area of operation of the regional council of
33 governments.

34 (b) A regional council of government may provide for a process for
35 establishment of a surcharge under this section. Such process shall
36 include, but not be limited to, procedures for approval, collection and
37 termination of the surcharge and for public participation. The process
38 shall require that the participating municipalities enter into an
39 agreement with the regional council of government to impose a surtax
40 in the region under this section. The agreement shall be approved by
41 the regional council of government and each municipality that is a
42 party to the agreement by resolution of the legislative body.

43 Sec. 4. Section 4-124d of the general statutes is repealed and the
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

45 The council shall consider such matters of a public nature common
46 to two or more members of the council as it deems appropriate,

47 including matters affecting transportation and the health, safety,
48 welfare, education and economic conditions of the area comprised by
49 its members. The council shall promote cooperative arrangements and
50 coordinate action among its members and make recommendations
51 therefor to the members and such other public agencies as exist or
52 perform functions within the region or regions. The council may
53 exercise such powers as it deems necessary to encourage
54 intermunicipal cooperation and decisions and regional solutions to
55 problems shared by its members.

56 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) As used in this section
57 "hotel", "lodging house" and "occupancy" shall have the same
58 meanings as in section 12-407 of the 2008 supplement to the general
59 statutes.

60 (b) Any municipality, by vote of its legislative body, may impose a
61 tax with respect to each transfer of occupancy of any room in a hotel or
62 lodging house located in the municipality. Such tax shall be one per
63 cent of the total amount received for such occupancy.

64 (c) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall develop guidelines
65 to be used by municipalities in adopting an ordinance under this
66 section. The commissioner shall provide a copy of the guidelines to
67 each municipality.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	4-124d
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize regional councils of government to share tax benefits, impose taxes and promote intermunicipal cooperation, decision-making and regional success.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]