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Bill Summary

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Overview

Allows a county agricultural society to keep revenues from the sales tax on general admissions and event tickets during the county fair provided that (1) it uses the retained revenue to make capital improvements to the fair ground buildings and facilities, and (2) it raises an equal amount for the same purpose from special assessments or users fees charged to commercial exhibitors and concessionaires. This is identical to the provision for sales tax revenues collected on tickets to state fair admissions and events in current law. The bill is effective for sales made after June 30, 2001.

Section

- 1 **Capital improvements.** Requires that a county agricultural society use sales taxes revenues retained under section 2 for funding capital improvements on the fair grounds. Requires that the society match the sales tax revenues with an equal amount of revenue raised from special assessments or other user fees on commercial exhibits, concessions, and rentals.
- 2 **Sales and Use tax.** Allows a county agricultural society to retain the revenue from the tax on sales of tickets to the premises or events sponsored by the society and conducted on the fairgrounds during the annual county fair. The society may only retain the revenues if it meets the use and matching requirements in section 1.