Johnson (HB 207) **Act No. 230**

New law authorizes the governing authority of a municipality with a population between 4,150 and 4,250, subject to voter approval, to levy and collect a hotel occupancy tax. Provides that such tax shall not exceed 5% of the rent or fee charged for such occupancy.

New law requires that the tax be paid by the person who exercises or is entitled to occupancy of the hotel room at the time the rent or fee for occupancy is paid. Authorizes the governing authority to contract with any public entity authorized to collect sales or use taxes for the collection of the hotel occupancy tax. Requires that the proceeds of the tax be deposited in the general fund of the municipality and be used solely for public purposes within the municipality.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 27, 2011).

(Adds R.S. 33:2740.18.5)