

HOUSE BILL No. 2481

AN ACT concerning tourism; relating to the FIFA 2026 world cup; prohibiting limitations by municipalities on the regulation of short-term rentals or vacation properties during the period of May 15, 2026, through July 25, 2026, and requiring municipalities to process applications for such permits within 15 calendar days; modifying the definition of transient guest for purposes of a transient guest tax for the period of May 15, 2026, through July 25, 2026; authorizing any city or county to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages 23 hours a day, seven days a week for the duration of the FIFA 2026 world cup; amending K.S.A. 12-1692 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) No municipality shall adopt, administer or enforce any ordinance, resolution, regulation or other code or law that limits the number of issuances of permits or other municipal authorizations required by such municipality for the operation of short-term rentals or vacation units or properties during the period commencing on May 15, 2026, and continuing through July 25, 2026, or that limits the duration of any short-term rentals or vacation units or properties during such period. During such period, all completed applications to a municipality required for authorization to operate a short-term rental or vacation unit or property shall be processed by the municipality and a response issued to the applicant within 15 calendar days. If a municipality fails to process and issue a response within 15 calendar days of such an application's submission to the municipality, the application shall be deemed approved and no additional regulation or code requirement by the municipality as a condition of approval of the application shall be permitted.

(b) From May 15, 2026, through July 25, 2026, "transient guest" as defined in K.S.A. 12-1692, and amendments thereto, shall include a person who, as a guest and during all or any portion of such period, occupies a room in a hotel, motel or tourist court, one or more individual rooms within a dwelling or residential unit that is offered as a place of accommodation or such a dwelling or residential unit in whole or in part. "Transient guest" shall not include a person who is a permanent guest or who has entered into or enters into a contract for such occupation or accommodation for more than 28 consecutive days within such period, if the contract is intended for long-term or permanent occupancy.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Municipality" means any city, county or unified government or agency, department or other division of a city, county or unified government; and

(2) "short-term rental or vacation unit or property" means any dwelling or residential unit that is offered as a place of accommodation, either as one or more individual rooms within such dwelling or residential unit or as such dwelling or residential unit in whole or in part, during all or any portion of the period of May 15, 2026, through July 25, 2026.

New Sec. 2. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 41-712, 41-2614, 41-2653, 41-2704 and 41-2911, and amendments thereto, for the duration of the FIFA 2026 world cup commencing on June 11, 2026, and continuing through July 19, 2026, any entity licensed under the Kansas liquor control act, the club and drinking establishment act or the Kansas cereal malt beverage act that is authorized to sell alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage in the original package or for consumption on the premises may sell alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage in accordance with the applicable statutes and rules and regulations governing the sale of such alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage by such licensee between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on the immediately following day if such entity is located in a city or the unincorporated area of a county that has elected to allow sales of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverage pursuant to this section in accordance with subsection (b).

(b) The board of county commissioners of any county may, by resolution, or the governing body of any city may, by ordinance, elect to allow the sale of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage as

described in subsection (a). Upon the adoption of any such resolution or ordinance, the clerk of such county or city shall submit a copy of such resolution or ordinance to the director of alcoholic beverage control.

(c) As used in this section, "FIFA 2026 world cup" means the international soccer tournament conducted every four years that is organized by the *fédération internationale de football association* and set to be held in the United States, Canada and Mexico in 2026.

(d) The provisions of this section shall expire from and after July 20, 2026.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 12-1692 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-1692. As used in this act, ~~the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them herein:~~

(a) "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, joint venture or other association of persons;

(b) "hotel, motel or tourist court" means any structure or building ~~which~~ *that* contains rooms furnished for the purposes of providing lodging, ~~which~~ *that* may or may not also provide meals, entertainment or various other personal services to transient guests, and ~~which~~ is kept, used, maintained, advertised or held out to the public as a place where sleeping accommodations are sought for pay or compensation by transient or permanent guests and having more than two bedrooms furnished for the accommodation of such guests;

(c) "transient guest" means, *except as provided for the period from May 15, 2026, through July 25, 2026, by section 1, and amendments thereto*, a person who occupies a room in a hotel, motel or tourist court for not more than 28 consecutive days;

(d) "business" means any person engaged in the business of renting, leasing or letting living quarters, sleeping accommodations, rooms or a part thereof in connection with any motel, hotel or tourist court;

(e) "convention and tourism promotion" means: (1) Activities to attract visitors into the community through marketing efforts, including advertising, directed to at least one of the five basic convention and tourism market segments consisting of group tours, pleasure travelers, association meetings and conventions, trade shows and corporate meetings and travel; and (2) support of ~~those~~ activities and organizations ~~which~~ *that* encourage increased lodging facility occupancy; and

(f) "accommodations broker" means any business ~~which~~ *that* maintains an inventory of two or more rooms in one or more locations ~~which~~ *that* are offered for pay to a person or persons for not more than 28 consecutive days.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 12-1692 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report_____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended_____

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report_____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.