

**GEORGIA HOTEL AND MOTEL OPERATORS:**

On April 12, 1987 Act No. 621 amending section 48-13-51 of the Georgia Code became effective. This act provides that Georgia state or local government officials or employees traveling on official business should not be charged county or municipal excise tax on lodging. Sales tax is not exempted under the current sales tax law, since the payment of hotel/motel bills by an employee is not considered to be the payment made directly by a state agency from appropriated funds. Upon verification of the identity of the state official or employee identified below, Georgia hotel and motel operators are authorized to exempt the individual from any applicable county or municipal lodging excise tax. **\*Sales tax, however, should continue to be charged.**

A copy of this notification should be maintained with your tax records to document the individual's status as a state official or employee traveling on official business. If you have any questions, please contact the Fiscal or Accounting Office of the department or agency employing the individual identified below.

STATE OF GEORGIA

**EXEMPTION OF THE LOCAL HOTEL/MOTEL EXCISE TAX CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the lodging obtained on the date(s) identified below was required in the discharge of my official duties for the state and qualifies for exemption of the local hotel/motel excise tax under OCGA Chapter 48-13, (Amended by Act 621)

Name of Official or Employee: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Lodging: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Official or Employee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Representing: Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

Address: 1590 Adamson Parkway, Fourth Floor, Morrow, GA 30260

Office Contact: Peter J. Skandalakis, Executive Director

Phone Number: (770) 282-6300

***\*This form may not be used for State sales tax exemption. Employee must provide a State of Georgia sales tax exemption certificate supplied by their office, along with payment in the form of a government check or government credit card in order to be exempt from the state sales tax (\*7%). Many hotels also charge a resort fee or resort tax and there is no exemption from this fee.***