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MINISTRY OF TOURISM



S.I. No. 70 of 2012

**HOTELS ACT
(CHAPTER 288)**

HOTELS (GUEST TAX) ORDER, 2012

The Minister, in exercise of powers conferred by section 16(3) of the Hotels Act (*Chapter 288*), makes the following Order –

1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) This Order may be cited as the Hotels (Guest Tax) Order, 2012.
- (2) This Order shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 2012.

2. Reduction of hotel guest tax for existing hotels in Grand Bahama.

- (1) The hotel guest tax in respect of existing hotels in Grand Bahama is from the date of this Order reduced, for a period of five years, from ten per centum to five per centum of the total room rate.
- (2) An existing hotel shall, in order to qualify for the reduction in tax under paragraph (1), be current on its monthly returns to the Chief Licensing Inspector as prescribed by Regulations.

3. Reduction of hotel guest tax for new hotels in Grand Bahama.

- (1) The hotel guest tax in respect of new hotels in Grand Bahama is from the date of this Order reduced, for a period of ten years, from ten per centum to five per centum of the total room rate.

- (2) For the purposes of this section, a “new” hotel means a hotel which has been granted a valid licence to operate as a hotel by the Hotels Licensing Board after the date of this Order.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2012.

Signed
OBEDIAH WILCHCOMBE
Minister Responsible for Promotion and Development of Tourism