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(S.D.)-Governor Dugaard Vetoes Bill To Increase Deadwood Tax



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PIERRE, S.D. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - South Dakota Gov. Dennis Dugaard has vetoed a bill that would increase the hotel tax in Deadwood.

The bill would have allowed municipalities to tax \$3 per night. The current rate is \$2.

In a statement, the governor on Tuesday said it would be a mistake to make it easier for local governments to raise taxes. He says the local officials can already increase tax revenue with the property tax opt-out.

The bill passed the House and Senate with narrow margins. Supporters said the change was necessary to support struggling communities. Opponents argued against a tax increase.

The Legislature could override the veto with a two-thirds vote in both chambers.