HOUSE BILL 913

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By: **Delegate Clagett** Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2013 Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

| 1 AN ACT concerning | |
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| 2 | Frederick County – Hotel Rental Tax Rate | | | | |
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| $\frac{3}{4}$ | FOR the purpose of altering the hotel rental tax rate imposed in Frederick County; and generally relating to the hotel rental tax in Frederick County. | | | | |
| 5 6 7 8 9 | BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions Section 9–304 Annotated Code of Maryland (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement) | | | | |
| 10 11 | | FION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF D, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: | | | |
| 12 | Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions | | | | |
| 13 | 9–304. | | | | |
| 14 15 16 | (a) [Subject to the limitations in subsections (b) and (c) of] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN this section, the hotel rental tax rate is the rate that the authorized county sets by resolution. | | | | |
| 17 | (b) | An authorized county may not set a hotel rental tax rate that exceeds: | | | |
| 18 | | (1) 3% in a code county; | | | |
| 19 | | (2) 5% in Calvert County; | | | |
| 20 | | (3) 5% in Carroll County; | | | |

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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| 1 | (4) | 3% in | Cecil County; |
| 2 | (5) | 5% in | Charles County; |
| 3 | (6) | 5% in | Dorchester County; |
| 4 | (7) | [5% ir | n Frederick County;] |
| 5 | [(8)] | 6% in | Garrett County; |
| 6 | [(9)] (| 8) | 5% in St. Mary's County; |
| 7 | [(10)] | (9) | 5% in Somerset County; |
| 8 | [(11)] | (10) | 4% in Talbot County; and |
| 9 | [(12)] | (11) | 6% in Wicomico County. |
| 10 11 | | | thstanding subsection (b)(1 in the Western Maryland |
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10 (c) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (b)(1) of this section, a code county, 11 other than a code county in the Western Maryland class, may set a hotel rental tax 12 rate that is greater than 3%, but not exceeding 5%, with the unanimous consent of the 13 county commissioners for the county.

14 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (b)(1) of this section, a code county in 15 the Western Maryland class may set a hotel rental tax rate that is greater than 3%, 16 but not exceeding 8%, with the unanimous consent of the county commissioners for the 17 county.

18 (d) THE HOTEL RENTAL TAX RATE IN FREDERICK COUNTY IS 5%.

19 (E) The hotel rental tax rate in Washington County is 6%.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 21 July 1, 2013.