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By: **Washington County Delegation**  
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County Hotel Rental Tax**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the distribution of certain hotel rental tax revenue in  
4 Washington County; authorizing Washington County to deduct a certain amount  
5 of the hotel rental tax revenue for administrative costs to be distributed from a  
6 special fund; defining certain terms; and generally relating to altering the  
7 distribution of hotel rental tax revenue in Washington County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions  
10 Section 9-318(b)(4)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

16 9-318.

17 (b) (4) (I) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, ACTUAL  
18 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS MEAN COSTS INCURRED FOR WAGES, POSTAGE, AND  
19 SUPPLIES.

20 [(i)] (II) Washington County:

21 1. Shall distribute 45% of the total hotel rental tax revenue  
22 collected in the County to the general fund of Washington County to be used to fund  
23 the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

24 2. Shall distribute the remaining balance after the  
25 distribution under item 1 of this subparagraph to a special fund, to be used only to  
26 COVER ACTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND LEGAL FEES INCURRED IN  
27 ADMINISTERING THE HOTEL RENTAL TAX, develop tourism attractions, enhance

1 economic development, and support cultural and recreational projects in Washington  
2 County.

3                    [(ii)]     (III)    A municipal corporation in Washington County may apply  
4 to the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County for funding from the  
5 special fund established under subparagraph [(i)] (II)2 of this paragraph for an  
6 eligible project within the municipal corporation.

7                    [(iii)]    (IV)    Each year before adoption of its annual budget, the  
8 Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau shall hold a public  
9 hearing on the proposed annual budget.

10                   [(iv)]     (V)     On or before September 1 of each year beginning in 2001:

11                                    1.        The Board of County Commissioners of Washington  
12 County shall report to the Washington County Senate and House Delegations of the  
13 General Assembly on the hotel rental tax revenue collected and the use of the hotel  
14 rental tax revenue for the preceding fiscal year; and

15                                    2.        The Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and  
16 Visitors Bureau shall report to the Washington County Senate and House Delegations  
17 of the General Assembly on its use of the hotel rental tax revenue for the preceding  
18 fiscal year.

19        SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 July 1, 2001.