

# HOUSE BILL 1277

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CF SB 638

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By: **Delegate Hinebaugh**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Natural Resources – Savage River Lodge – Hotel Rental**  
3 **Surcharge**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources, beginning in a certain  
5 fiscal year, to assess and collect a certain hotel rental surcharge on rental units at  
6 the Savage River Lodge and remit the proceeds to the Comptroller for distribution  
7 to Garrett County; requiring Garrett County to use and distribute the proceeds from  
8 the surcharge in a certain manner; and generally relating to the Savage River Lodge  
9 in Garrett County.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Natural Resources  
12 Section 5–1014  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**  
18 **5–1014.**

19 (A) ~~THE~~ **BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2027, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1           **(1) ASSESS AND COLLECT AN 8% HOTEL RENTAL SURCHARGE ON**  
2 **RENTAL UNITS ON THE PROPERTY OF THE SAVAGE RIVER LODGE; AND**

3           **(2) REMIT THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SURCHARGE TO THE**  
4 **COMPROLLER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO GARRETT COUNTY.**

5           **(B) (1) FROM THE PART OF THE SURCHARGE COLLECTED UNDER**  
6 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO A RATE OF 6%,**  
7 **GARRETT COUNTY SHALL DESIGNATE A PORTION FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE**  
8 **COUNTY.**

9           **(2) THE PART OF THE SURCHARGE COLLECTED UNDER SUBSECTION**  
10 **(A) OF THIS SECTION THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE RATE GREATER THAN 6%**  
11 **SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY.**

12           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
13 1, 2025.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.