

SENATE BILL 638

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By: **Senator McKay**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

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 to assess and collect a
5 certain hotel rental surcharge on rental units at the Savage River Lodge and remit
6 the proceeds to the Comptroller for distribution to Garrett County; requiring Garrett
7 County to use and distribute the proceeds from the surcharge in a certain manner;
8 and generally relating to the Savage River Lodge in Garrett County.

9 BY adding to

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

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 **5–1014.**

18 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

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

21 **(2) REMIT THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SURCHARGE TO THE**
22 **COMPTROLLER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO GARRETT COUNTY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2025.