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**HB570 Talbot County- Hotel Rental Tax- Time Penalty for Nonpayment**

**Ways and Means Committee**

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**What This Bill Does**

**HB 570** would change the Maryland Local Government Code and the Talbot County Public Accommodations Tax Code, attached. HB570 allows Talbot County to enforce hotels to pay the hotel rental tax within one month after the payment is due. If the hotel fails to pay the rental tax within one month a penalty of 10% on the unpaid tax shall be imposed.

**Why We Need This Bill**

Currently, Talbot and Wicomico County have an extended grace period that the hotel rental tax is to be paid within 120 days while all other counties impose this penalty after 1 month after the payment is due. This proposed amendment would bring Talbot County in line with every other county in Maryland except Wicomico. Previously the 120-day grace period Talbot enacted has negatively impacted the collection, reporting, compliance monitoring, and distribution of the accommodations tax to the count and its municipalities in Talbot County. Ultimately HB570 would improve these aspects for Talbot County and its municipalities.

The Talbot County Delegation respectfully asks the Committee for a favorable vote on  
**HB 570**

§20-426 of the Maryland Local Government Code

§172-8 of the Talbot County Public Accommodations Tax Code.