

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

**Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions**

9–301.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Authorized county” means:
  - (1) Allegany County, a code county;
  - (2) Calvert County;
  - (3) CECIL COUNTY;
  - [(3)] (4) Charles County;
  - [(4)] (5) Garrett County;
  - [(5)] (6) Kent County, a code county;
  - [(6)] (7) St. Mary’s County;
  - [(7)] (8) Somerset County;
  - [(8)] (9) Talbot County;
  - [(9)] (10) Washington County;
  - [(10)] (11) Wicomico County; and
  - [(11)] (12) Worcester County, a code county.
- (c) (1) “Hotel” means an establishment that offers sleeping accommodations for compensation.
  - (2) “Hotel” includes:
    - (i) An apartment;
    - (ii) A cottage;
    - (iii) A hostelry;
    - (iv) An inn;
    - (v) A motel;
    - (vi) A rooming house; or
    - (vii) A tourist home.
  - (d) “Hotel rental tax” means the tax authorized under this subtitle.
  - (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, “transient