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(a) To cover the revenue that a treasurer collects under this subtitle, an authorized county may increase the surety bond that the county requires for its treasurer.

(b) The county shall treat any additional premium due to a surety bond increase allowed under subsection (a) of this section as a hotel rental tax administrative cost.

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(a) Except for Talbot County and Washington County, an authorized county shall distribute the hotel rental tax revenue as follows:

(1) From the total revenue, a reasonable sum for hotel rental tax administrative costs to the general fund of the county; and

(2) In Allegany, Calvert, CECIL, Garrett, Kent, St. Mary's, and Worcester Counties, after the distribution in item (1) of this subsection, the revenue attributable to a hotel located in a municipal corporation to the municipal corporation; and

(3) The remaining balance to the general fund of the county.

(b) (1) CECIL COUNTY MAY NOT DEDUCT MORE THAN 5% OF THE REVENUE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

[(1)] (2) Garrett County shall designate a part of the balance under subsection (a)(3) of this section for the promotion of the county.

[(2)] (3) Wicomico County:

(i) May not deduct more than 5% of the revenue for administrative costs under subsection (a)(1) of this section; and

(ii) Shall deposit all remaining revenues, after the distribution under subsection (a)(1) of this section in the general funds of Wicomico County to underwrite the Wicomico County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

[(3)] (4) Washington County:

(i) May not deduct more than 5% of the revenue for administrative costs under subsection (a)(1) of this section; and

(ii) Shall deposit all remaining revenues, after the distribution under subsection (a)(1) of this section, in the general funds of Washington County to underwrite the Washington County tourism budget and, when established, the Washington County Convention Bureau.

(c) An authorized county shall make the distributions required under this section between the 15th day and the 30th day of each calendar month.