

**CHAPTER 604**

**(House Bill 1447)**

AN ACT concerning

**Washington County – Hotel Rental Tax Revenue – Distribution**

FOR the purpose of altering the distribution of total hotel rental tax revenue collected in Washington County; and generally relating to the distribution of hotel rental tax revenue in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 9–318(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

**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**

9–318.

(b) (1) Cecil County may not deduct more than 5% of the revenue for administrative costs under subsection (a)(1) of this section.

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

(3) (i) Wicomico County may not deduct more than 5% of the revenue for administrative costs under subsection (a)(1) of this section.

(ii) If Wicomico County authorizes a hotel rental tax rate of 5%, the county shall distribute:

1. 20% of the revenue to the Salisbury Zoological Park; and

2. 20% of the revenue to the Tourism Center for Wicomico County to be used for its operation and maintenance.

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

(4) (i) For purposes of this paragraph, actual administrative costs mean costs incurred for wages, postage, and supplies.

(ii) Washington County: