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- (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) "Transient charge" means a hotel charge for sleeping accommodations for a period not exceeding 4 consecutive months.
- (2) "Transient charge" does not include any hotel charge for services or for accommodations other than sleeping accommodations.

9-302.

This subtitle allows a hotel rental tax for an authorized county.

9 - 303

- (a) an An authorized county may impose, by resolution, a tax on a transient charge paid to a hotel located in that county.
- (b) Before CALVERT COUNTY OR St. Mary's County imposes a hotel rental tax, the Commissioners OF THE COUNTY shall hold a public hearing, which:
- (1) shall be advertised twice by publication in the \underline{A} newspaper of general circulation in the county at least 10 days before the hearing; and
 - (2) may not be part of the annual budget hearing.

9 - 304.

- (a) Subject to the limitations in subsection (b) of this section, the hotel rental tax rate is the rate that the authorized county sets by resolution.
- (b) an An authorized county may not set a hotel rental tax rate that exceeds:
 - (1) 3% in Allegany County;