

Section 9-305(c), 9-306, and 9-318(b)(5)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 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

9-301.

(b) "Authorized county" means:

- (1) A code county;
- (2) Calvert County;
- (3) Cecil County;
- (4) Charles County;
- (5) Dorchester County;
- (6) Garrett County;
- [(7) Harford County;]
- [(8)] (7) St. Mary's County;
- [(9)] (8) Somerset County;
- [(10)] (9) Talbot County;
- [(11)] (10) Washington County; and
- [(12)] (11) Wicomico County.

9-303.

(b) Before Calvert County, Charles County, [Harford County,] or St. Mary's County imposes a hotel rental tax, the governing body of the county shall hold a public hearing, which:

- (1) Shall be advertised twice by publication in 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.

(b) An authorized county may not set a hotel rental tax rate that exceeds:

- (1) 3% in a code county;
- (2) 5% in Calvert County;
- (3) 3% in Cecil County;