

Section 9-318(b)(4)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 9-401

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

(ii) Washington County:

1. Shall distribute 45% of the total hotel rental tax revenue collected in the county to the general fund of Washington County to be used to fund the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

2. Shall distribute the remaining balance after the distribution under item 1 of this subparagraph to a special fund, to be used only to cover actual administrative costs and legal fees incurred in administering the hotel rental tax, develop tourism attractions, enhance economic development, and support cultural and recreational projects in Washington County.

(iii) A municipal corporation in Washington County may apply to the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County for funding from the special fund established under subparagraph (ii)2 of this paragraph for an eligible project within the municipal corporation.

(iv) Each year before adoption of its annual budget, the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau shall hold a public hearing on the proposed annual budget.

(v) On or before September 1 of each year beginning in 2001:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County shall report to the Washington County Senate and House Delegations of the General Assembly on the hotel rental tax revenue collected and the use of the hotel rental tax revenue for the preceding fiscal year; and