

# HOUSE BILL 1170

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Hotel Rental Tax Revenue Distribution – Annual Reports**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the due date of certain annual reports on the county hotel  
4 rental tax revenue distribution; repealing certain reporting requirements relating to  
5 the county hotel rental tax revenue; requiring the Washington County  
6 Commissioners to post a certain report on the hotel rental tax revenue on the  
7 county's Web site; requiring the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and  
8 Visitors Bureau to report to the County Commissioners on its use of the hotel rental  
9 tax revenue; and generally relating to annual reports on the Washington County  
10 hotel rental tax revenue distribution.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Local Government  
13 Section 20–421  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2013 Volume and 2014 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Local Government**

19 20–421.

20 (a) Washington County shall distribute the hotel rental tax revenue as follows:

21 (1) 50% to the general fund of the county to be used to fund the  
22 Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

23 (2) the remaining balance to a special fund to be used only to:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) cover costs for wages, postage, supplies, and legal fees incurred  
2 in administering the hotel rental tax;

3 (ii) develop tourism attractions;

4 (iii) enhance economic development; and

5 (iv) support cultural and recreational projects in Washington  
6 County.

7 (b) A municipality in Washington County may apply to the County  
8 Commissioners of Washington County for funding from the special fund established under  
9 subsection (a)(2) of this section for an eligible project within the municipality.

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

13 (d) On or before [September] **NOVEMBER** 1 of each year:

14 (1) the County Commissioners of Washington County shall [report to the  
15 Washington County Senate and House Delegations to the General Assembly on] **POST ON**  
16 **THE COUNTY'S WEB SITE A REPORT ON** the hotel rental tax revenue collected and the  
17 use of the hotel rental tax revenue for the previous fiscal year; and

18 (2) the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau  
19 shall report to the **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF** Washington County [Senate and House  
20 Delegations to the General Assembly] on the Bureau's use of the hotel rental tax revenue  
21 for the previous fiscal year.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
23 1, 2015.