

# HOUSE BILL 186

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HB 931/23 – W&M

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By: **Delegate Hartman**

Requested: October 17, 2023

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Eastern Shore Code Counties – Maximum Hotel Rental Tax Rate – Alteration**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum hotel rental tax rate that counties in the Eastern  
4 Shore class of code counties may impose; and generally relating to the hotel rental  
5 tax.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Local Government

8 Section 20–405

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2013 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Local Government**

14 20–405.

15 (a) Subject to this section, the hotel rental tax rate is the rate that the county sets  
16 by resolution.

17 (b) The hotel rental tax rate may not exceed:

18 (1) except as otherwise provided in this section, 3% in a code county;

19 (2) 3% in Cecil County;

20 (3) 4% in Talbot County;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1           (4)    5% in Calvert County, Carroll County, Charles County, Dorchester  
2 County, Frederick County, St. Mary's County, and Somerset County;

3           (5)    6% in Wicomico County; and

4           (6)    8% in Garrett County.

5           (c)    With the unanimous consent of the county commissioners:

6           (1)    a code county other than AN **EASTERN SHORE CODE COUNTY** OR a  
7 Western Maryland code county may set a hotel rental tax rate up to 5%; [and]

8           **(2)    AN EASTERN SHORE CODE COUNTY MAY SET A HOTEL RENTAL TAX**  
9 **RATE UP TO 6%; AND**

10           ~~[(2)]~~ **(3)**    a Western Maryland code county may set a hotel rental tax rate  
11 up to 8%.

12           (d)    The hotel rental tax rate in Washington County is 6%.

13           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
14 1, 2024.