

Chapter 604

(House Bill 842)

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County – Hotel Rental Tax – Distribution of Revenue

FOR the purpose of requiring hotel rental tax revenue in Calvert County to be distributed to the Tourism Development Incentive Fund; requiring funds in the Tourism Development Incentive Fund to be distributed for certain purposes; and generally relating to the hotel rental tax in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Local Government

Section 20–415(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Local Government

Section ~~20–415(e)~~ 20–415.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Local Government

20–415.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this part, a code county, [Calvert County,] Cecil County, Garrett County, or St. Mary’s County shall distribute the hotel rental tax revenue as follows:

(1) a reasonable sum for hotel rental tax administrative costs to the general fund of the county;

(2) after the distribution in item (1) of this subsection, the revenue attributable to a hotel located in a municipality to the municipality; and

(3) the remaining balance to the general fund of the county.

20–415.1.

~~(E)~~ (A) ~~(1)~~ CALVERT COUNTY SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE REVENUE FROM THE HOTEL RENTAL TAX COLLECTED UNDER THIS PART TO THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FUND, ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ~~SUBSECTION~~ SECTION.

~~(2)~~ (B) THERE IS A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FUND.

~~(3)~~ (C) THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FUND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

~~(H)~~ (1) TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY, A REASONABLE AMOUNT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOTEL RENTAL TAX;

~~(H)~~ (2) AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER ITEM ~~(H)~~ (1) OF THIS ~~PARAGRAPH~~ SUBSECTION, TO A MUNICIPALITY, THE REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A HOTEL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY; AND

~~(HH)~~ (3) THE REMAINDER TO:

~~1. (I)~~ (I) SUBJECT TO ~~PARAGRAPH (4)~~ SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS ~~SUBSECTION~~ SECTION, PROVIDE GRANTS TO BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO PAY THE APPLICATION AND PERMIT FEES REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY TO HOLD A SPECIAL EVENT IN THE COUNTY; AND

~~2. (II)~~ (II) MARKET CALVERT COUNTY TO POTENTIAL VISITORS.

~~(4) (D)~~ (D) GRANTS PROVIDED FOR UNDER ~~PARAGRAPH (3)(HH)~~ SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS ~~SUBSECTION~~ SECTION MAY BE AWARDED ONLY TO APPLICANTS THAT MEET CRITERIA ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY.

~~(5) (E)~~ (E) AFTER THE DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED UNDER ~~PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION~~ SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, ANY UNEXPENDED FUNDS AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.