



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 3/31/2015 **Effective Date:** 6/4/2015
Reference No.: CB-004-2015 **Chapter Number:** 3
Draft No.: 2 **Public Hearing Date:** 3/31/2015 - 10:00 AM
Proposer(s): Lehman, Glaros and Toles
Sponsor(s): Lehman, Glaros, Toles, Taveras and Turner
Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING HOTEL AND MOTEL TAX for the purpose of clarifying that the full amount of the consideration paid to a room remarketer through an internet transaction is subject to the County's hotel tax.

Drafter: Colette R. Gresham, Legislative Officer
Resource Personnel: Matthew A. Dernoga, Policy Analyst, District 1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
02/03/2015	County Council	presented and referred	PSFM
	Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Lehman, Glaros and Toles and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee		
02/19/2015	PSFM	Favorably recommended with amendments	County Council
	Action Text: A motion was made that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 4 Patterson, Harrison, Lehman and Turner Absent: 1 Taveras		
03/10/2015	County Council	introduced	
	Action Text: This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Lehman, Glaros, Toles, Turner, Taveras, Harrison and Franklin		
03/31/2015	County Council	public hearing held	
	Action Text: The public hearing was held for this Council Bill.		
03/31/2015	County Council	enacted	
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Lehman, seconded by Council Member Toles, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:		

Aye: 7 Franklin, Davis, Glaros, Lehman, Patterson, Toles and Turner

Absent: 2 Harrison and Taveras

04/20/2015 County Executive Signed

Action Text:

This Council Bill was Signed

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

10-219.01 10-221

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

Room remarketers, or online hotel booking companies, are currently only paying the hotel tax on rooms that they reserve directly from a hotel or motel in Prince George's County. If the room is re-rented by the room remarketer to a person at a higher rate, the hotel tax is not being collected on that higher rate. Many counties around the country have had lawsuits with these online hotel booking companies, while others have passed legislation to close this loophole. The proposed legislation would amend the County's hotel tax law to close the loophole and cover the final cost an occupant pays to a room remarketer as opposed to just the initial cost paid by the room remarketer to rent the room.

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