

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE PARTICULAR FISCAL YEAR; AND

(II) THE AMOUNT STATED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN 2012, IN COOPERATION WITH THE BOARD AND THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION IN INCREASING VISITOR ATTENDANCE AND VISITOR SPENDING IN MARYLAND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That local governments in Maryland are encouraged to reevaluate their respective policies governing the means by which revenues derived from local hotel and motel taxes are shared between local governments and the destination marketing organizations consistent with the intent and purpose of this Act in order to increase visitor attendance and visitor spending throughout Maryland.

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:~~

~~(a) The annual operating budget of the Office of Tourism Development within the Department of Business and Economic Development shall continue to be financed from the General Fund, subject to approval through the normal budgetary process, with additional support consistent with this Act; and~~

~~(b) On or before October 1 of each year beginning with October 1, 2013, the Department of Business and Economic Development, in cooperation with the Maryland Tourism Development Board and the Maryland Association of Destination Marketing Organizations, shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on:~~

~~(1) The effectiveness of this Act from the standpoint of an analysis of its impact on increasing visitor attendance and visitor spending in Maryland; and~~

~~(2) Its recommendation whether the Office of Tourism Development is able to become fiscally self-sufficient through the Maryland Tourism Development Board Fund within a certain designated time frame.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before August 1, 2008, the Comptroller shall calculate and report the amount of the qualifying tourism tax increment for fiscal year 2009 as provided under § 4-216(c) of the Economic Development Article, as enacted by this Act. For purposes of determining the