

Peter Franchot Comptroller

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Honorable Martin O'Malley Governor of Maryland State House Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates State House Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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Secretary Christian S. Johansson
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Dear Governor, President, Speaker, and Secretaries:

As required by Chapter 181 (Senate Bill 458) of the 2008 Session of the General Assembly, the Comptroller's Office is reporting that the qualifying tourism tax increment is \$3,616,307 for fiscal year 2013. This analysis relies on the sales tax industry codes reflecting revenue generated from tourism and tourism-related activities, as determined by the Comptroller's Office and the Department of Business and Economic Development.

The attached table shows the industry codes and the percentage of revenues from those categories that we have jointly determined are tourism-related revenues. These figures incorporate adjustments made within the Automobile, Bus, and Truck Rental category for several accounts which had been misclassified for parts of fiscal years 2010 and 2011. As tourism revenues increased 5.1% for fiscal year 2011, well above the 3% growth threshold, the qualifying tourism tax increment is \$3,616,307.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Tourism Tax Increment (\$ in millions)

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Code	Description	FY 2010 <u>Actual</u>	FY 2011 <u>Actual</u>	Tourism <u>Factor</u>	FY 2010 <u>Base</u>	FY 2011 <u>Base</u>	<u>Growth</u>
108	Restaurants, Lunchrooms, Delicatessens w/o Beer, Wine, and Liquor License	\$282.2	\$291.3	33%	\$94.1	\$97.1	3.2%
111	Hotels, Motels Selling Food w/ Beer, Wine, and Liquor License	38.5	41.4	100%	38.5	41.4	7.6%
112	Restaurants and Night Clubs w/ Beer, Wine, and Liquor License	200.5	211.2	33%	66.8	70.4	5.3%
306	General Merchandise	136.2	141.1	5%	6.8	7.1	3.6%
407	Automobile, Bus, and Truck Rentals	59.1	62.6	90%	53.2	56.4	6.0%
706	Airlines - Commercial	0.3	0.3	50%	0.1	0.1	-13.6%
901	Hotels, Motels, Apartments, Cottages	79.9	84.1	100%	79.9	84.1	5.2%
925	Recreation and Amusement Places	5.2	6.0	50%	2.6	3.0	14.6%
TOTAL		\$801.9	\$837.9		\$342.0	\$359.5	5.1%

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