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Delaware County Tax Bills Signed Into Law

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ALBANY, 08/14/15 – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I- Oneonta) and Assemblyman Clifford Crouch (R-Guilford) today announced legislation they sponsored, allowing Delaware County to enact a “bed tax” on hotel and motel room rentals has been signed into law by Governor Cuomo. The bill ([S.5075/A.7316](#)) follows a home rule request from the Delaware County Board of Supervisors and is now Chapter 205 of the laws of 2015

The legislation allows Delaware County to impose a “bed tax” of up to two percent on hotel and motel room rentals. The estimated return of between \$200,000 to \$250,000 will be dedicated to promoting and developing Delaware County’s tourism industry.

Senator Seward said, “Delaware County, like so many other rural counties, is struggling to generate income while diligently working to keep property taxes in check. The good news though is that tourism is on the rise and by promoting our winning attributes people will come, businesses will reap the rewards, and our local economy will grow exponentially.”

Delaware County Board of Supervisors Chairman James Eisel said, “By increasing funds available to promote tourism, Delaware County’s name and our outstanding attractions will be known to a much larger audience and will translate to a profound economic boost. I appreciate the efforts of Senator Seward and Assemblyman Crouch in securing this

important revenue stream for Delaware County's future.”

Delaware County will need to pass its own local law before the occupancy tax takes effect.

Additionally, Governor Cuomo also signed into law a bill ([S.4143/A.5765](#)) allowing Delaware County to maintain its local sales tax at the current four-percent, one percent above the rate authorized in state law.