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1	AN ACT concerning
2	State Government – eCheck Payments – Prohibition on Convenience Fee
3	FOR the purpose of providing that a unit of State government that allows a person to make
$\frac{4}{5}$	a payment using a certain method may not charge a convenience fee; and generally relating to the use of certain payment methods.
6	BY adding to
7	Article – State Finance and Procurement
8	Section 2–108
9	Annotated Code of Maryland
10	(2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
11	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
13	Article - State Finance and Procurement
14	2–108.
15	A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT ALLOWS A PERSON TO MAKE A PAYMENT
16	BY AN ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER OR ECHECK THAT USES AN AUTOMATED
17	CLEARINGHOUSE NETWORK TO PROCESS THE PAYMENT MAY NOT CHARGE A
18	CONVENIENCE FEE.

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

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