

**MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Hon. Matthew J. Fader
Chief Judge

187 Harry S. Truman Parkway
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MEMORANDUM

TO: House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
Matthew Pipkin, Jr.
410-260-1561
RE: House Bill 66
Circuit Courts and District Court - Dishonored Checks - Service Charges
DATE: January 23, 2023
(1/25)
POSITION: Support

The Maryland Judiciary supports House Bill 66. As requested by the Clerks of the Court, this bill seeks to increase the amount of the service charge that may be imposed by a circuit court or the District Court for a dishonored check.

Increasing the service charge better reflects the cost and time-consuming process involved when dealing with dishonored checks. The increase from \$10.00 to \$30.00 was determined by matching the fee issued by the Comptroller for a dishonored check.

cc. Hon. J. Sandy Bartlett
Judicial Council
Legislative Committee
Kelley O'Connor