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By: **Delegate Shank**
Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2002
Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Parking Citations - Late Fees and Notification**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain State agencies and political subdivisions that
4   issue parking citations from imposing late fees in connection with parking
5   citations not timely paid until the payment is more than a certain number of
6   days late; prohibiting certain State agencies and political subdivisions from
7   notifying the Motor Vehicle Administration that a parking citation has not been
8   paid until the payment is more than a certain number of days late; defining a
9   certain term; and generally relating to late fees for parking citations issued by
10   State agencies and political subdivisions.

11 BY adding to
12   Article - Transportation
13   Section 26-307
14   Annotated Code of Maryland
15   (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

16   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 26-307.

20   (A)   IN THIS SECTION, "LATE FEE" MEANS ANY CHARGE OR FEE IMPOSED
21 BECAUSE A PAYMENT IS NOT MADE WHEN THE PAYMENT IS DUE UNDER THE TERMS
22 OF A PARKING CITATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING A FEE THAT IS
23 DESCRIBED:

24   (1)   AS A FLAT RATE;

25   (2)   AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE AMOUNT DUE; OR

26   (3)   IN ANY OTHER TERMS.

1   (B)   A STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE
2 PARKING CITATIONS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT CHARGE A LATE FEE UNTIL
3 THE PARKING CITATION IS MORE THAN 30 DAYS LATE.

4   (C)   A STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY NOT NOTIFY THE
5 ADMINISTRATION THAT A PERSON HAS FAILED TO PAY A PARKING CITATION UNTIL
6 THE PARKING CITATION IS MORE THAN 60 DAYS LATE.

7   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
8 effect October 1, 2002.