

HOUSE BILL 912

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegate Lisanti**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transportation Authority – Video Tolls – Collection**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the termination date for certain provisions of law relating to
4 the collection of certain unpaid video tolls and associated penalties; making this Act
5 an emergency measure; and generally relating to the collection of certain video tolls
6 and associated penalties.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – State Finance and Procurement
9 Section 3–302(b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 21–1414(a)(1), (2), and (11) and (h)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2020 Replacement Volume)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Chapter 547 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
19 Section 3

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

22 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

23 3–302.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) Unless, with the approval of the Secretary, a unit of the State government
2 assigns the claim to the Central Collection Unit, the Central Collection Unit is not
3 responsible for and may not collect:

4 (1) any taxes;

5 (2) any child support payment that is owed under § 5–308 of the Human
6 Services Article;

7 (3) any unemployment insurance contribution or overpayment;

8 (4) any fine;

9 (5) any court costs;

10 (6) any forfeiture on bond;

11 (7) any money that is owed as a result of a default on a loan that the
12 Department of Commerce or the Department of Housing and Community Development has
13 made or insured;

14 (8) any money that is owed under Title 9, Subtitles 2, 3, and 4 and Title 20
15 of the Insurance Article;

16 (9) any money that is owed under a delinquent account for unpaid video
17 tolls and associated civil penalties and is recalled by the Maryland Transportation
18 Authority under § 21–1414(h) of the Transportation Article; or

19 (10) any money that is owed for unpaid video tolls and associated civil
20 penalties under § 21–1414 of the Transportation Article under a delinquent account
21 associated with a person residing outside the State.

22 Article – Transportation

23 21–1414.

24 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (2) “Authority” means the Maryland Transportation Authority.

26 (11) “Video toll” means the amount assessed by the Authority when a video
27 toll transaction occurs.

28 (h) (1) The Authority may refer a delinquent account for unpaid video tolls and
29 associated civil penalties to the Central Collection Unit for collection.

1 (2) The Authority may recall a delinquent account from the Central
2 Collection Unit if:

3 (i) The delinquent account exceeds \$300 in unpaid video tolls and
4 associated civil penalties;

5 (ii) The video tolls in question were assessed within a 30–day period;
6 and

7 (iii) Mitigating factors exist with respect to the assessment of the
8 unpaid video tolls and associated civil penalties, as determined by the Authority.

9 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, until the Authority refers
10 the debt to the Central Collection Unit or after the Authority has recalled a delinquent
11 account from the Central Collection Unit, the Authority may waive any portion of the video
12 toll due or civil penalty assessed under this section.

13 **Chapter 547 of the Acts of 2018**

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
15 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of [3] 6 years and, at the end of May 31, [2021]
16 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated
17 and of no further force and effect.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
19 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
20 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to
21 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
22 enacted.