

SENATE BILL 434

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CF HB 291

By: **Senator King**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Failure to Pay Video Toll – Outstanding Fines**

3 FOR the purpose of reducing the penalty for certain outstanding civil citations for video toll
4 violations; and generally relating to civil penalties for toll violations.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
6 Article – Transportation
7 Section 21–1414(a)(1), (4), and (9) through (12)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2020 Replacement Volume)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 21–1414(c)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 21–1414.

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

20 (4) “Notice of toll due” or “notice” means an administrative notice of a video
21 toll transaction.

22 (9) “Toll violation” means the failure to pay a video toll within the time
23 prescribed by the Authority in a notice of toll due.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (10) “Video monitoring system” means a device installed to work in
2 conjunction with a toll collection facility that produces a recorded image when a video toll
3 transaction occurs.

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

6 (12) “Video toll transaction” means any transaction in which a motor vehicle
7 does not or did not pay a toll at the time of passage through a toll collection facility with a
8 video monitoring system.

9 (c) (1) Failure of the person alleged to be liable to pay the video toll under a
10 notice of toll due by the date stated on the notice shall constitute a toll violation subject to
11 a civil citation and a civil penalty, which shall be assessed 15 days after the toll violation
12 occurs, as provided for in the regulations of the Authority.

13 (2) A registered owner of a motor vehicle shall not be liable for a civil
14 penalty imposed under this section if the operator of the motor vehicle has been convicted
15 of failure or refusal to pay a toll under § 21-1413 of this subtitle for the same violation.

16 **(3) THE PENALTY FOR EACH OUTSTANDING CIVIL CITATION**
17 **ASSESSED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, SHALL BE REDUCED TO \$25.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2021.