HOUSE BILL 335

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Maryland Transportation Authority – E–ZPass – Disputes of Charges and Fees

FOR the purpose of requiring the terms and conditions of the Maryland Transportation
 Authority for E–ZPass accounts to allow a person to dispute any charges or fees <u>for</u>
 <u>the use of a Maryland toll facility</u> to the person's E–ZPass account within a certain

- 6 period of time after the charge or fee is posted to the account; and generally relating
- 7 to disputes of charges and fees to E–ZPass accounts.
- 8 BY adding to
- 9 Article Transportation
- 10 Section 21–1417
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 Article – Transportation

16 **21–1417.**

17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS 18 INDICATED.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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1 (2) "AUTHORITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 21–1416 OF THIS 2 SUBTITLE.

3 (3) "E-ZPASS ACCOUNT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 21–1416 OF 4 THIS SUBTITLE.

5 (B) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL REQUIRE ANY PERSON WHO APPLIES TO 6 ESTABLISH AN E-ZPASS ACCOUNT TO AGREE TO ABIDE BY TERMS AND CONDITIONS 7 ESTABLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY FOR THE ELECTRONIC COLLECTION OF TOLLS.

8 (2) THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR E-ZPASS ACCOUNTS SHALL 9 ALLOW A PERSON TO DISPUTE ANY CHARGE OR FEE FOR THE USE OF A MARYLAND 10 <u>TOLL FACILITY</u> WITHIN AT LEAST 3 YEARS <u>1 YEAR</u> AFTER THE CHARGE OR FEE IS 11 POSTED TO THE PERSON'S E-ZPASS ACCOUNT.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 13 October June 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at 14 the end of June 30, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, 15 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.

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