

# HOUSE BILL 1200

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Electronic and Video Tolls – Exemption for Registered Owners**  
3 **Undergoing Cancer Treatment**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting the registered owner of a vehicle from being liable for  
5 payment of certain electronic or video tolls if the owner provides to the Maryland  
6 Transportation Authority or its duly authorized agent by a certain date certain  
7 information regarding the owner’s cancer treatments; and generally relating to  
8 electronic and video tolls.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Transportation  
11 Section 21–1414(b) and (c)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Transportation  
16 Section 21–1414(g)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 21–1414.

23 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, the registered owner  
24 of a motor vehicle shall be liable to the Authority for payment of a video toll as provided for  
25 in the regulations of the Authority.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2)     The Authority shall send the registered owner of a motor vehicle that  
2 has incurred a video toll a notice of toll due.

3           (3)     Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, the person alleged  
4 to be liable who receives a notice of toll due shall have at least 30 days to pay the video toll.

5           (4)     To mail the notice of toll due, the Authority shall use:

6                 (i)     The current mailing address on file with the Administration; or

7                 (ii)    If a mailing address is unavailable, the current residential  
8 address on file with the Administration.

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           (g)     (1)     If, at the time of a video toll transaction, a motor vehicle is operated by  
17 a person other than the registered owner without the express or implied consent of the  
18 registered owner, and if the registered owner by the date stated on the notice of toll due  
19 provides the Authority or its duly authorized agent with a notarized admission by the  
20 person accepting liability which shall include that person's name, address, and driver's  
21 license identification number, then the person accepting liability shall be liable under this  
22 section and shall be sent a notice of toll due.

23           (2)     If the registered owner is a lessor of motor vehicles, and at the time of  
24 the video toll transaction the motor vehicle involved was in the possession of a lessee, and  
25 the lessor, by the date stated on the notice of toll due, provides the Authority or its duly  
26 authorized agent with a copy of the lease agreement or other documentation acceptable to  
27 the Authority identifying the lessee, including the person's name, address, and driver's  
28 license identification number or federal employer identification number, then the lessee  
29 shall be liable under this section and shall be sent a notice of toll due.

30           (3)     If the motor vehicle involved in a video toll transaction is operated using  
31 a dealer or transporter registration plate, and at the time of the video toll transaction the  
32 motor vehicle was under the custody and control of a person other than the owner of the  
33 dealer or transporter registration plate, and if the owner of the dealer or transporter  
34 registration plate, by the date stated on the notice of toll due, provides to the Authority or  
35 its duly authorized agent a copy of the contractual agreement or other documentation  
36 acceptable to the Authority identifying the person, including the person's name, address,  
37 and driver's license identification number, who had custody and control over the motor

1 vehicle at the time of the video toll transaction, then that person and not the owner of the  
2 dealer or transporter registration plate shall be liable under this section and shall be sent  
3 a notice of toll due.

4 (4) If a motor vehicle or registration plate number is reported to a law  
5 enforcement agency as stolen at the time of the video toll transaction, and the registered  
6 owner, by the date stated on the notice of toll due, provides to the Authority or its duly  
7 authorized agent a copy of the police report substantiating that the motor vehicle was stolen  
8 at the time of the video toll transaction, then the registered owner of the motor vehicle is  
9 not liable under this section.

10 **(5) IF, AT THE TIME OF A VIDEO TOLL TRANSACTION, A MOTOR**  
11 **VEHICLE IS OPERATED BY THE REGISTERED OWNER OR A PERSON TRANSPORTING**  
12 **THE REGISTERED OWNER, AND THE REGISTERED OWNER, BY THE DATE STATED ON**  
13 **THE NOTICE OF TOLL DUE, PROVIDES THE AUTHORITY OR ITS DULY AUTHORIZED**  
14 **AGENT WITH MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION FROM A LICENSED HEALTH CARE**  
15 **PROVIDER SUBSTANTIATING THAT THE REGISTERED OWNER IS BETWEEN**  
16 **SCHEDULED CANCER TREATMENTS AS PART OF AN ONGOING COURSE OF**  
17 **TREATMENT AT THE TIME OF THE VIDEO TOLL TRANSACTION, THE REGISTERED**  
18 **OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS NOT LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2026.