

# HOUSE BILL 1569

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By: **Delegates Young and Woorman**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Parking Enforcement – Vehicles in Custody or Control of Auto Repair or**  
3 **Storage Facility**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that if a parking citation is issued for a motor vehicle while  
5 the motor vehicle is in the custody or control of an auto repair or storage facility, the  
6 auto repair or storage facility, and not the registered owner, is liable for the parking  
7 citation and any associated fines or late fees; prohibiting an auto repair or storage  
8 facility from requiring a customer to waive the customer's rights established under  
9 this Act as a condition of service; and generally relating to parking citations issued  
10 to motor vehicles in the custody or control of an auto repair or storage facility.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Transportation  
13 Section 26–302.1  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 **26–302.1.**

20 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
21 **INDICATED.**

22 **(2) “AUTO REPAIR OR STORAGE FACILITY” MEANS A PERSON**  
23 **ENGAGED IN THE REPAIR, SERVICING, STORAGE, OR MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR**  
24 **VEHICLES FOR COMPENSATION.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(3) “CUSTODY OR CONTROL” MEANS THE POSSESSION OF A MOTOR**  
2 **VEHICLE UNDER A REPAIR ORDER, SERVICE AGREEMENT, OR OTHER**  
3 **AUTHORIZATION FROM THE REGISTERED OWNER.**

4           **(B) (1) IF A PARKING CITATION IS ISSUED FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE**  
5 **THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS IN THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF AN AUTO REPAIR OR**  
6 **STORAGE FACILITY:**

7                   **(I) THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE MAY NOT**  
8 **BE HELD LIABLE FOR THE PARKING VIOLATION AND ANY ASSOCIATED FINE OR LATE**  
9 **FEE ARISING FROM THE PARKING CITATION; AND**

10                   **(II) THE AUTO REPAIR OR STORAGE FACILITY MAY BE HELD**  
11 **LIABLE FOR THE PARKING VIOLATION.**

12           **(2) IT IS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO LIABILITY FOR A PARKING**  
13 **CITATION IF THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE**  
14 **CITATION WAS ISSUED DEMONSTRATES THAT, AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION, THE**  
15 **MOTOR VEHICLE WAS IN THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF AN AUTO REPAIR OR**  
16 **STORAGE FACILITY.**

17           **(3) IF A REGISTERED OWNER IS FOUND TO BE NOT LIABLE FOR A**  
18 **PARKING CITATION BY ASSERTING THE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE ESTABLISHED**  
19 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A COURT SHALL IMMEDIATELY WAIVE**  
20 **ALL FINES AND FEES AND DISMISS THE CITATION AGAINST THE REGISTERED**  
21 **OWNER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER LIABILITY IS TRANSFERABLE TO THE AUTO**  
22 **REPAIR OR STORAGE FACILITY.**

23           **(C) IF SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE IS AVAILABLE TO INDICATE THAT A MOTOR**  
24 **VEHICLE WAS IN THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF AN AUTO REPAIR OR STORAGE**  
25 **FACILITY AT THE TIME THE PARKING ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ISSUED THE**  
26 **CITATION, THE PARKING ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY REISSUE THE CITATION FOR**  
27 **THE PARKING VIOLATION DIRECTLY TO THE AUTO REPAIR OR STORAGE FACILITY.**

28           **(D) AN AUTO REPAIR OR STORAGE FACILITY MAY NOT REQUIRE A**  
29 **CUSTOMER TO WAIVE THE CUSTOMER’S RIGHTS UNDER THIS SECTION AS A**  
30 **CONDITION OF SERVICE.**

31           **(E) THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF A PARKING**  
32 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO ENFORCE PARKING LAWS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.**

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