

# HOUSE BILL 1569

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 INDICATED.

2 (2) (I) "AUTO REPAIR OR STORAGE FACILITY" MEANS A PERSON  
3 ENGAGED IN THE REPAIR, SERVICING, STORAGE, OR MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR  
4 VEHICLES FOR COMPENSATION.

5 (II) "AUTO REPAIR OR STORAGE FACILITY" DOES NOT INCLUDE  
6 A SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN § 18-501 OF THIS ARTICLE.

7 (3) "CUSTODY OR CONTROL" MEANS THE POSSESSION OF A MOTOR  
8 VEHICLE UNDER A REPAIR ORDER, SERVICE AGREEMENT, OR OTHER  
9 AUTHORIZATION FROM THE REGISTERED OWNER.

10 (B) (1) IF A PARKING CITATION IS ISSUED FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE  
11 THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS IN THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF AN AUTO REPAIR OR  
12 STORAGE FACILITY:

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

16 (II) THE AUTO REPAIR OR STORAGE FACILITY MAY BE HELD  
17 LIABLE FOR THE PARKING VIOLATION.

18 (2) IT IS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO LIABILITY FOR A PARKING  
19 CITATION IF THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE  
20 CITATION WAS ISSUED DEMONSTRATES THAT, AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION, THE  
21 MOTOR VEHICLE WAS IN THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF AN AUTO REPAIR OR  
22 STORAGE FACILITY.

23 (3) IF A REGISTERED OWNER IS FOUND TO BE NOT LIABLE FOR A  
24 PARKING CITATION BY ASSERTING THE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE ESTABLISHED  
25 UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A COURT SHALL IMMEDIATELY WAIVE  
26 ALL FINES AND FEES AND DISMISS THE CITATION AGAINST THE REGISTERED  
27 OWNER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER LIABILITY IS TRANSFERABLE TO THE AUTO  
28 REPAIR OR STORAGE FACILITY.

29 (C) IF SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE IS AVAILABLE TO INDICATE THAT A MOTOR  
30 VEHICLE WAS IN THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF AN AUTO REPAIR OR STORAGE  
31 FACILITY AT THE TIME THE PARKING ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ISSUED THE  
32 CITATION, THE PARKING ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY REISSUE THE CITATION FOR  
33 THE PARKING VIOLATION DIRECTLY TO THE AUTO REPAIR OR STORAGE FACILITY.

1           (D) AN AUTO REPAIR OR STORAGE FACILITY MAY NOT REQUIRE A  
2 CUSTOMER TO WAIVE THE CUSTOMER'S RIGHTS UNDER THIS SECTION AS A  
3 CONDITION OF SERVICE.

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.