

SENATE BILL 956

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By: **Senator Jennings**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2026

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transportation Authority – Video Tolls – Collection**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Transportation Authority to waive certain
4 tolls due or penalties assessed without recalling the debt from the Central Collection
5 Unit; and generally relating to collection of electronic tolls and penalties.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Transportation
8 Section 21–1414(a)(1), (2), and (11)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 21–1414(h)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
16 (As enacted by Chapters 448 and 460 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022)

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

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 21–1414.

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

22 (2) “Authority” means the Maryland Transportation Authority.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(11) "Video toll" means the amount assessed by the Authority when a video toll transaction occurs.

(h) (1) The Authority may refer a delinquent account for unpaid video tolls and associated civil penalties to the Central Collection Unit for collection.

(2) The Authority may recall a delinquent account from the Central Collection Unit if:

(i) The delinquent account exceeds \$300 in unpaid video tolls and associated civil penalties;

(ii) The video tolls in question were assessed within a 30-day period; or

(iii) Mitigating factors exist with respect to the assessment of the unpaid video tolls and associated civil penalties, as determined by the Authority.

(3) (I) [Notwithstanding any other provision of law, until the Authority refers the debt to the Central Collection Unit or after the Authority has recalled a delinquent account from the Central Collection Unit, the] **THE** Authority may waive any portion of the video toll due or civil penalty assessed **ON A DELINQUENT ACCOUNT** under this section.

(II) IF THE AUTHORITY WAIVES ANY PORTION OF THE VIDEO TOLL DUE OR CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSED:

1. THE AUTHORITY SHALL NOTIFY THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE REVISED DEBT; AND

2. THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT SHALL REDUCE THE FEE ASSESSED UNDER § 3-304(A) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF THE REVISED DEBT.

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