

SENATE BILL 956

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By: ~~Senator Jennings~~ **Senators Jennings and James**

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CHAPTER _____

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**

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 21-1414.

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

3 (2) "Authority" means the Maryland Transportation Authority.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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