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(To be offered in the Environment and Transportation Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 291 (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after "violations;" insert "<u>establishing a program for State</u> residents to resolve unpaid video tolls and related civil penalties; providing for the purpose of the program; providing for the eligibility requirements of the program; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to notify certain residents of the program; requiring the notification to include certain information; requiring the Administration to waive a certain percentage of a resident's delinquent unpaid video tolls and related civil penalties that became delinquent before a certain date; requiring the Administration to require a resident to obtain and maintain an E–ZPass until a certain date and pay a certain balance as a condition of participating in the program; authorizing the Administration to allow a resident to enroll in a certain monthly installment plan; authorizing the Administration to adopt regulations to carry out certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 19, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) <u>There is a program to incentivize and enable State residents to resolve</u> <u>unpaid video tolls and related civil penalties.</u>

(b) The purpose of the program is to reduce the number of residents with delinquent unpaid video tolls and related civil penalties.

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(c) A person is eligible to participate in the program if the person:

(1) is a State resident;

(2) has unpaid video tolls and related civil penalties; and

(3) has not been issued a judgment by the Central Collection Unit.

(d) (1) The Administration shall notify a resident who may be eligible to participate in the program at the resident's last known address.

(2) <u>The notification shall include:</u>

(i) the website address where the resident may find contact information for the Administration;

(ii) <u>the total delinquent amount the resident owes in unpaid video</u> tolls and related civil penalties; and

(iii) the amount of penalties that may be waived under the program.

(e) <u>The Maryland Transit Administration shall:</u>

(1) waive 70% of a resident's delinquent unpaid video tolls and related civil penalties that became delinquent before July 1, 2021; and

(2) require a resident to:

(i) obtain and maintain an E–ZPass until June 30, 2022; and

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(ii) pay the remaining balance of the delinquent account owed, after subtracting the waived amount and any Central Collection Unit fee.

(f) The Administration may allow a resident to enroll in a monthly installment plan to pay, within 6 months after the Administration waived 70% of the resident's unpaid video tolls and related civil penalties, the remaining balance of the delinquent account after subtracting the waived amount and any Central Collection <u>Unit fee.</u>

(g) <u>The Administration may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of</u> <u>this section.</u>";

in line 20, strike "2." and substitute "<u>3.</u>"; and in line 21, after the period insert "<u>Section</u> <u>2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2022,</u> <u>Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be</u> <u>abrogated and of no further force and effect.</u>".