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HB38 – Maryland Transportation Authority – Video Tolls – Collection

Mr. Chair, members of the committee, for the record, Del. Anne Healey. Thank you for the opportunity to present HB38, a bill that clarifies how the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) may rule over delinquent accounts in accordance with the Central Collection Agency.

I'd like to remind the committee that this bill is a reintroduction with amendments of previous legislation from the Senate that was passed in 2018. This law sunset in May of 2021. It has been abrogated and needs to be reintroduced to continue the practice. This bill would take effect June 1 and has no expiration date.

Currently, the CCU is responsible for collecting any debt owed to the state. The CCU uses a variety of methods and resources to facilitate the collection of delinquent accounts, including automated and manual efforts, as well as a private collection agency.

This legislation clarifies the MDTA's rule over delinquent accounts:

- First, the MDTA may refer a delinquent account for unpaid video tolls to the CCU.
- Second, it authorizes the MDTA to recall certain delinquent accounts from the CCU and waive unpaid tolls and associated penalties. This can occur if the delinquent account exceeds \$300 in unpaid video tolls and civil penalties, the video tolls were assessed in a 30-day period, and mitigating factors exist as determined by the MDTA.
- And third, it prohibits the CCU from collecting a delinquent account that is recalled by the Authority.

I ask for a favorable report on HB38.