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Delegate Kumar Barve
Chairman
House Environment and Transportation Committee

**RE: HB 537 Motor Vehicle Administration - Fines and Fees - Required Notice
Favorable with Amendment**

Dear Chairman Barve, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to present **HB 537 Motor Vehicle Administration - Fines and Fees - Required Notice** today.

This bill seeks to resolve instances where citizens are accruing daily fines for insurance issues, resulting in not only being surprised with a hefty fine, but also prolonged time where the insurance issue is not addressed.

For example, if a person has a proof of insurance issue, or an insurance lapse, they are at risk of accruing a fine that adds \$7.00 a day until a max fine of \$2500 is reached.

HB 537, with amendment would require the MVA in those instances, to continually notify the person being fined every 30 days. In the end, the goal is two-fold. Getting the issues resolved quickly and ensuring that a motorist is not surprised when it comes time to renew registration tags and being told they immediately owe \$2500 before they can do so.

Please give HB 537 a FAVORABLE with Amendment report.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Morgan".

Matt Morgan
Delegate

