

HOUSE BILL 175

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By: **Delegate Krimm**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transportation Authority – Program for Payment of Unpaid Video**
3 **Tolls**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a program, to be administered by the Maryland
5 Transportation Authority, for State residents to resolve unpaid video tolls and
6 related civil penalties; and generally relating to unpaid video tolls and related civil
7 penalties.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That:

10 (a) (1) There is a program to incentivize and enable State residents to resolve
11 unpaid video tolls and related civil penalties.

12 (2) The Maryland Transportation Authority shall administer the program.

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

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

16 (1) is a State resident;

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The notification shall include:

2 (i) the website address where the resident may find contact
3 information for the Authority;

4 (ii) the total delinquent amount the resident owes in unpaid video
5 tolls and related civil penalties; and

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

7 (e) The Authority shall:

8 (1) waive 70% of a resident's delinquent unpaid video tolls and related civil
9 penalties that became delinquent before July 1, 2022; and

10 (2) require a resident to:

11 (i) obtain and maintain an E-ZPass until June 30, 2024; and

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

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

18 (g) The Authority may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this
19 section.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2024,
22 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
23 of no further force and effect.