

**HB0963/420912/1**

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 963  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “collection” in line 8 and substitute “clarifying that the Maryland Transportation Authority may refer certain unpaid video tolls and associated civil penalties to the Central Collection Unit for collection; authorizing the Authority to recall certain unpaid video tolls and associated civil penalties from the Central Collection Unit under certain circumstances; establishing that the Central Collection Unit may not collect certain unpaid video tolls and associated civil penalties under certain circumstances; authorizing the Authority to waive certain unpaid video tolls and associated civil penalties under certain circumstances; requiring the Authority to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act”; and after line 9, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 3-302

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 16, insert:

“Article – State Finance and Procurement

3–302.

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(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection, or in other law, the Central Collection Unit is responsible for the collection of each delinquent account or other debt that is owed to the State or any of its officials or units.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, an official or unit of the State government shall refer to the Central Collection Unit each debt for which the Central Collection Unit has collection responsibility under this subsection and may not settle the debt.

(ii) A public institution of higher education may not refer a delinquent student account or debt to the Central Collection Unit unless, in accordance with § 15–119 of the Education Article:

1. the delinquent account or debt has not been settled by the end of the late registration period of the semester after the student account became delinquent; or

2. the student has not entered into or made timely payments to satisfy an installment payment plan.

(3) For the purposes of this subtitle, a community college or board of trustees for a community college established or operating under Title 16 of the Education Article is a unit of the State.

(b) Unless, with the approval of the Secretary, a unit of the State government assigns the claim to the Central Collection Unit, the Central Collection Unit is not responsible for and may not collect:

(1) any taxes;

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(2) any child support payment that is owed under § 5–308 of the Human Services Article;

(3) any unemployment insurance contribution or overpayment;

(4) any fine;

(5) any court costs;

(6) any forfeiture on bond;

(7) any money that is owed as a result of a default on a loan that the Department of Commerce or the Department of Housing and Community Development has made or insured; [or]

(8) any money that is owed under Title 9, Subtitles 2, 3, and 4 and Title 20 of the Insurance Article; OR

**(9) ANY MONEY THAT IS OWED UNDER A DELINQUENT ACCOUNT FOR UNPAID VIDEO TOLLS AND ASSOCIATED CIVIL PENALTIES AND IS RECALLED BY THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY UNDER § 21-1414(H) OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

(c) The Central Collection Unit shall be responsible for the collection of each delinquent account or other debt that is owed to a community college established or operating under Title 16 of the Education Article if the board of trustees for the community college:

(1) adopts a resolution appointing the Central Collection Unit as the collector of delinquent accounts or other debt; and

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(2) submits the resolution to the Central Collection Unit.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 7, strike “(I)”~~”; strike in their entirety lines 9 through 19, inclusive; strike beginning with “UNDER” in line 21 down through “SUBSECTION” in line 22; and strike in their entirety lines 30 and 31.~~

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, in lines 29 and 31, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 29, after “(h)” insert “**(1) THE AUTHORITY MAY REFER A DELINQUENT ACCOUNT FOR UNPAID VIDEO TOLLS AND ASSOCIATED CIVIL PENALTIES TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT FOR COLLECTION.**

**(2) THE AUTHORITY MAY RECALL A DELINQUENT ACCOUNT FROM THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT IF:**

**(i) THE DELINQUENT ACCOUNT EXCEEDS \$300 IN UNPAID VIDEO TOLLS AND ASSOCIATED CIVIL PENALTIES;**

**(ii) THE VIDEO TOLLS IN QUESTION WERE ASSESSED WITHIN A 30-DAY PERIOD; AND**

**(iii) MITIGATING FACTORS EXIST WITH RESPECT TO THE ASSESSMENT OF THE UNPAID VIDEO TOLLS AND ASSOCIATED CIVIL PENALTIES, AS DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY.**

**(3)**”;

in line 30, after “Unit” insert “**OR AFTER THE AUTHORITY HAS RECALLED A DELINQUENT ACCOUNT FROM THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT**”; strike in their

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entirety lines 32 and 33; and in line 34, after “That” insert “, on or before December 1, 2019, the Maryland Transportation Authority shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on its progress in improving access to its customer service operations, including enhanced use of e-mails, text messaging, and other methods of wireless communications.”

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That”;

in line 35, strike “October” and substitute “June”; and in the same line, after “2017.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of May 31, 2020, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.