

Chapter 460

(House Bill 38)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transportation Authority – Video Tolls – Collection

FOR the purpose of clarifying that the Maryland Transportation Authority may refer a delinquent account for unpaid video tolls to the Central Collection Unit; authorizing the Authority to recall certain delinquent accounts from the Central Collection Unit and waive unpaid tolls and associated penalties; prohibiting the Central Collection Unit from collecting a delinquent account that is recalled by the Authority; and generally relating to the collection of video tolls.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3–302(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1414(a)(1), (2), and (11)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1414(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Finance and Procurement

3–302.

(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;

- (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;
- (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 for unpaid video tolls and associated civil penalties under § 21–1414 of the Transportation Article under a delinquent account associated with a person residing outside the State; **OR**

(10) 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.

Article – Transportation

21–1414.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “Authority” means the Maryland Transportation Authority.
- (11) “Video toll” means the amount assessed by the Authority when a video toll transaction occurs.
- (h) **(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) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, until the Authority refers the debt to the Central Collection Unit **OR AFTER THE AUTHORITY HAS RECALLED A DELINQUENT ACCOUNT FROM THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT**, the Authority may waive any portion of the video toll due or civil penalty assessed under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2022.