

SENATE BILL 599

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By: **Senator Carter (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2023

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Towing or Removal – Parking Lots – Maximum Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the basis for determining the maximum amount for the fee
4 that a vehicle owner can be charged by a person who undertakes the towing or
5 removal of the vehicle from a parking lot; and generally relating to fees for vehicle
6 towing and removal.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Transportation
9 Section 21–10A–04(a)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 21–10A–04.

16 (a) Unless otherwise set by local law, a person who undertakes the towing or
17 removal of a vehicle from a parking lot:

18 (1) May not charge the owner of the vehicle, the owner’s agent, the insurer
19 of record, or any secured party more than:

20 (i) Twice the amount of the [total fees] FEE normally charged or
21 authorized by the political subdivision for the public safety impound towing of vehicles;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) Notwithstanding § 16–207(f)(1) of the Commercial Law Article,
2 the fee normally charged or authorized by the political subdivision from which the vehicle
3 was towed for the daily storage of impounded vehicles;

4 (iii) If a political subdivision does not establish a fee limit for the
5 public safety towing, recovery, or storage of impounded vehicles, \$250 for towing and
6 recovering a vehicle and \$30 per day for vehicle storage; and

7 (iv) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, the actual cost of
8 providing notice under this section;

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2023.