

ENFORCEMENT RECIPROCITY

Review of Maryland Toll Enforcement Legislation for Reciprocity Agreements

Overview of Toll Enforcement Process

	Maryland Chapter 113 (Effective July 1, 2013)
Step 1	Threshold is Met A vehicle owner does not pay a toll transaction at the time of passage with either cash or E-ZPass.
Step 2	Notice of Toll Due The MDTA sends the owner a Notice of Toll Due (NOTD) for the video toll. The owner has 30 days to pay the video toll. The NOTD includes information advising the person of their statutory defenses and how to request a transfer of liability.
Step 3	Notice Becomes Subject to Civil Citation If the owner does not pay the video toll within 30 days of the due date stated on the notice, the video toll becomes a toll violation and is subject to a civil citation and civil penalty. <i>(Each citation is assessed a \$50 civil penalty.)</i>
Step 4	Notice of Citation The MDTA sends a citation via first-class mail <u>no later than 60 days after the toll violation</u> . The citation includes information advising the person how the citation may be contested to the Maryland District Court; the statutory defenses (e.g., stolen vehicle) that were included in the notice of toll due; and a warning that failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability, may result in the refusal or suspension of the motor vehicle registration and referral for collection.
Step 5	Past Due Toll Violation Notice (Implementation of Refusal or Suspension of Vehicle Registration) The person has 30 days after the mailing of the citation to either pay or contest the violation. If the person fails to do either, then the Authority sends a Past Due Toll Violation Notice informing the customer that they have 15 days to pay or they will be referred to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (Administration) (MVA) to proceed with the refusal or suspension of the motor vehicle registration. <i>(Less than \$1,000 (unpaid tolls and penalties) – referred for non-renewal flag of vehicle registration; \$1,000 or more (unpaid tolls and penalties) – referred for suspension of vehicle registration.) There is only one flag regardless of the size of the debt</i>

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Step 6	Final Toll Violation Notice (Implementation of Collection) If the person fails to pay the Past Due Toll Violation Notice, the Authority sends a Final Toll Violation Notice informing the customer that they have 15 days to pay or they will be referred to the Maryland Central Collection Unit (CCU) for debt collection actions.
Step 6	Release of Refusal or Suspension of Vehicle Registration If debt has not been referred to CCU for collections the customer must pay 100% of outstanding amount due to MDTA. Upon receipt of amount due MDTA will process a release with MVA of the Refusal or Suspension of Vehicle Registration. The release can take up to 5 calendar days if it is submitted at the beginning of a 4 day weekend. If debt has been referred to CCU the customer must either pay 100% of the outstanding amount due to CCU or establish and maintain a payment plan with CCU. CCU will notify MDTA of final payment or establishment of a payment plan and MDTA will process a release with MVA. The release can take up to 7 calendar days if it is submitted at the beginning of a 4 day weekend. If the customer defaults on the payment plan, CCU will notify MDTA and MDTA will re-establish the same flagging level with MVA for the registration. If the level of debt escalates from less than \$1,000 to \$1,000 or more, a second flag is added for Suspension of Vehicle Registration.