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County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2011 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 11

Bill No. 51 -2011

Introduced by: Calvin Ball

AN ACT authorizing the Department of Police to impound a vehicle under specified circumstances; specifying the criteria for release of the vehicle; and generally relating to parking violations in Howard County.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2011. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2011.

By order _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2011 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this _____ day of _____, 2011 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2011

Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard
2 County Code is amended as follows:

3 By adding :

4 Title 21. Traffic control and transportation.

5 Subtitle 2. Standing, stopping, and parking of vehicles; automated enforcement .

6 Section 21.214

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8 **Title 21. Traffic control and transportation.**

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10 **Subtitle 2. Standing, stopping, and parking of vehicles; automated enforcement.**

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12 **SEC. 21.214. UNSATISFIED PARKING VIOLATION NOTICES – IMPOUNDMENT.**

13 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

14 (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A MOTOR VEHICLE PARKED ON A PUBLIC STREET IN HOWARD
15 COUNTY AGAINST WHICH THERE ARE ONE OR MORE UNSATISFIED PARKING VIOLATIONS.

16 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE MAY IMPOUND THE VEHICLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
17 PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN § 21.250 OF THIS SUBTITLE IF:

18 (I) AT LEAST 90 DAYS HAS ELAPSED SINCE ANY UNSATISFIED PARKING VIOLATION
19 WAS ISSUED; AND

20 (II) THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE HAS FLAGGED THE VEHICLE FOR IMPOUNDMENT.

21 (B) *RELEASE OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLE.*

22 (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SHALL ISSUE AN IMPOUNDED VEHICLE RELEASE TO THE
23 OWNER IF THE OWNER SATISFIES THE OUTSTANDING PARKING VIOLATIONS AND ANY ASSOCIATED
24 PENALTIES OR FEES.

25 (2) IF THE OWNER DEMONSTRATES TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
26 THAT THE VEHICLE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN IMPOUNDED, THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SHALL GIVE
27 THE OWNER:

28 (I) AN IMPOUNDED VEHICLE RELEASE; AND

29 (II) A WAIVER FOR THE COSTS OF TOWING AND STORAGE.

30 (3) THE OWNER OF THE IMPOUNDED MOTOR VEHICLE MAY REPOSSESS THE VEHICLE BY:

31 (I) PRESENTING THE IMPOUNDED VEHICLE RELEASE TO THE CUSTODIAN OF THE
32 MOTOR VEHICLE; AND

33 (II) PAYING THE CUSTODIAN THE COSTS OF TOWING AND STORAGE OR PRESENTING A
34 WAIVER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR THE COSTS.

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36 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that this
37 *Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*