

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 7/28/98

Reference No.: CB-81-1998

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 2

Sponsors: Del Giudice, Bailey, Wilson

Item Title: An Act amending the definition of the Parking Authority; amending penalties for certain parking violations; clarifying that vehicle impoundment may occur for violation of parking regulations; and generally expanding enforcement procedures by the Parking Authority

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	6/9/98	Executive Action: 8/17/98	S
Committee Referral:	6/9/98	PSFM	Effective Date: 10/2/98
Committee Action:(1)	6/15/98	HELD	
Committee Action:(2)	6/25/98	FAV(A)	
Date Introduced:	7/7/98		
Pub. Hearing Date:	7/28/98	10:45 A.M.	

Council Action: 7/28/98 ENACTED

Council Votes: RVR:A, DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:A, AS:A, MW:A
Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT Date: 6/25/98

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0, (In Favor: Council Members Estepp, Bailey, Hendershot, Scott and Wilson).

This bill will amend the definition of the Parking Authority to comply with State law, clarify procedures, strengthen the County's ability to control illegal parking, collect fines for parking violations, allow impoundment of vehicles for failure to pay parking tickets and extend the time to pay fines for parking violations.

The Office of Management and Budget states that under the current legislation, violators are given fifteen days to pay on assessed fines without an additional penalty. After fifteen days, the amount of this fine automatically is doubled. As a result, violators will opt to go to court rather than pay the fine which ultimately increases the collection time. By increasing the initial payment deadline from fifteen days to thirty days, the fine collected in the first time period is expected to increase, thereby offsetting the potential of future adverse court action.

There may be some negative fiscal impact on the County related to any decreased revenue resulting from the extended time allowed for paying fines. Any decrease could be offset by additional fees collected.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This legislation will amend the definition of the Parking Authority to comply with State law, adjust the time allowed to pay fines for parking violations and allow impoundment of vehicles for failure to pay parking tickets.

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