

# SENATE BILL 136

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By: **Senators Lee and Smith**

Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2017

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Parking Violations – Authority of Political Subdivisions**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing a  
4 regulation or an ordinance that imposes certain additional penalties for a parking  
5 violation within a certain time period; and generally relating to local parking  
6 violations.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Transportation  
9 Section 26–301(b)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Transportation  
14 Section 26–301(c)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 26–301.

21 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, any State agency authorized by law  
22 and any political subdivision of this State may adopt ordinances or regulations that:

23 (1) Regulate the parking of vehicles;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) Provide for the impounding of vehicles parked in violation of the ordinances or regulations;

(3) Regulate the towing of vehicles from publicly owned and privately owned parking lots; and

(4) Provide for the issuance of a citation by an officer for a violation of an ordinance or regulation that is adopted under this section.

(c) A political subdivision may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation that [prohibits]:

**(1) PROHIBITS** the parking of more than one motorcycle within a space served by a single parking meter; **OR**

**(2) INCREASES A PENALTY, AUTHORIZES REFERRAL FOR COLLECTION, OR ASSESSES A FEE OR LATE CHARGE FOR AN UNPAID CITATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITATION.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.