

HOUSE BILL 1364

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – eCheck Payments – Prohibition on Convenience Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a unit of State government that allows a person to make
4 a payment using a certain method may not charge a convenience fee; and generally
5 relating to the use of certain payment methods.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – State Finance and Procurement

8 Section 2–108

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

14 **2–108.**

15 **A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT ALLOWS A PERSON TO MAKE A PAYMENT**
16 **BY AN ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER OR eCHECK THAT USES AN AUTOMATED**
17 **CLEARINGHOUSE NETWORK TO PROCESS THE PAYMENT MAY NOT CHARGE A**
18 **CONVENIENCE FEE.**

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

