regulations specifying certain fees for certain parking violations; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority and motor vehicle parking.

BY adding to

Article – Financial Institutions

Section 13–1008.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article – Financial Institutions

13–1008.1.

(A)   THE AUTHORITY MAY ADOPT AND ENFORCE REGULATIONS FOR THE PARKING AND OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN AND ON ANY FACILITIES OR PROPERTY THE AUTHORITY OWNS OR CONTROLS.

(B)   THE REGULATIONS SHALL:

(1)   BE REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR THE SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY, PRESERVATION OF ORDER, OR EFFICIENT OPERATION OF FACILITIES OR PROPERTY OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE AUTHORITY;

(2)   PROVIDE FOR A UNIFORM SYSTEM FOR ACCESSIBLE PARKING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN CONFORMITY WITH THE FEDERAL UNIFORM SYSTEM FOR PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE FEDERAL AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES; AND

(3)   INCLUDE PROCEDURES FOR THE VOLUNTARY PAYMENT OF FINES DIRECTLY TO THE AUTHORITY IN UNCONTESTED PARKING CASES.

(C)   THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE OR THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND POLICE MAY ISSUE CITATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(D)   THE ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 26, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

(E)   (1)   A PERSON WHO VIOLATES A PARKING REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL FINE NOT EXCEEDING $50.

(2)   A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY OTHER REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING $500 A PERSON WHO VIOLATES A PARKING REGULATION UNDER THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE ESTABLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.