

HOUSE BILL 1173

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Speed Monitoring Systems – High-Risk Highways**

3 **MC 17–25**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on
5 highways in Montgomery County that are at high risk for certain motor vehicle
6 crashes; prohibiting the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on certain
7 highways in Montgomery County; requiring the fines collected by Montgomery
8 County or by a municipal government in Montgomery County as a result of violations
9 enforced by a speed monitoring system to be used to fund the study, design, and
10 construction of certain safety-related projects; requiring Montgomery County or a
11 municipality in Montgomery County to conduct an evaluation of certain speed
12 monitoring systems with a certain frequency; and generally relating to the
13 placement and use of a speed monitoring system in Montgomery County.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
16 Section 7–302(e)(4)(i) and (ii)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
21 Section 7–302(e)(4)(vii)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
25 Article – Transportation
26 Section 21–101(a), (g), and (k) and 21–809(a)(1) and (8), (b)(1)(i) and (v), and (c)
27 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

2 BY adding to

3 Article – Transportation

4 Section 21–101(l–1) and 21–809(b)(1)(xii) and (l)

5 Annotated Code of Maryland

6 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 21–809(b)(1)(vi)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 7–302.

16 (e) (4) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, from the
17 fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed
18 monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, stop sign monitoring systems, school
19 bus monitoring cameras, bus lane monitoring systems, or noise abatement monitoring
20 systems a political subdivision:

21 1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering
22 the speed monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, school bus monitoring
23 cameras, bus lane monitoring systems, or noise abatement monitoring systems; and

24 2. Subject to subparagraphs (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this
25 paragraph, may spend any remaining balance solely for public safety purposes, including
26 pedestrian or highway safety programs.

27 (ii) 1. For any fiscal year, if the balance remaining from the fines
28 collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring
29 systems, after the costs of implementing and administering the systems are recovered in
30 accordance with subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph, is greater than 10% of the total
31 revenues of the political subdivision for the fiscal year, the political subdivision shall remit
32 any funds that exceed 10% of the total revenues to the Comptroller.

33 2. The Comptroller shall deposit any money remitted under
34 this subparagraph to the General Fund of the State.

35 **(VII) FROM THE FINES COLLECTED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY**
36 **OR BY A MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY AS A RESULT OF**

1 VIOLATIONS ENFORCED BY SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS PLACED IN ACCORDANCE
2 WITH § 21-809(B)(1)(VI)7 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, ANY BALANCE
3 REMAINING AFTER THE ALLOCATION OF FINES UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OF THIS
4 PARAGRAPH SHALL BE USED TO FUND THE STUDY, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF
5 SAFETY-RELATED PROJECTS ON ROADWAYS OR INTERSECTIONS IN MONTGOMERY
6 COUNTY THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE MUNICIPALITY'S, COUNTY'S, OR
7 STATE'S MOST RECENT STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN OR VISION ZERO PLAN
8 AS ROADWAYS OR INTERSECTIONS THAT ARE AT HIGH RISK FOR MOTOR VEHICLE
9 CRASHES THAT RESULT IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH.

10 **Article – Transportation**

11 21-101.

12 (a) In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the meanings
13 indicated.

14 (g) “Controlled access highway” means a highway or roadway to or from which
15 persons, including the owners or occupants of abutting lands, have no right of access except
16 at the points and in the manner determined by the public authority with jurisdiction over
17 the highway or roadway.

18 (k) “Expressway” means a major highway of 2 or more traffic lanes in each
19 direction that is designed to eliminate principal traffic hazards and has the following
20 characteristics:

21 (1) A median divider separating opposing traffic lanes to eliminate
22 head-on collisions and sideswiping;

23 (2) Grade separation structures to eliminate the conflict of cross streams
24 of traffic at each intersection;

25 (3) Points of entrance and exit limited to predetermined locations;

26 (4) Vertical curves long enough to provide long sight distances; and

27 (5) Shoulders wide enough to permit vehicles to stop or park out of traffic
28 lanes.

29 (L-1) “INTERSTATE HIGHWAY” MEANS A STATE HIGHWAY THAT IS PART OF
30 THE NATIONAL INTERSTATE SYSTEM IN THE STATE, AS DESIGNATED BY THE
31 ADMINISTRATION AND APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF
32 TRANSPORTATION UNDER TITLE 23 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

33 21-809.

1 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (8) "Speed monitoring system" means a device with one or more motor
3 vehicle sensors producing recorded images of motor vehicles traveling at speeds at least 12
4 miles per hour above the posted speed limit.

5 (b) (1) (i) A speed monitoring system may not be used in a local jurisdiction
6 under this section unless its use is authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction
7 by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing.

8 (v) An ordinance or resolution adopted by the governing body of a
9 local jurisdiction under this paragraph shall provide that, if the local jurisdiction moves or
10 places a mobile or stationary speed monitoring system to or at a location where a speed
11 monitoring system had not previously been moved or placed, the local jurisdiction may not
12 issue a citation for a violation recorded by that speed monitoring system:

13 1. Until signage is installed in accordance with
14 subparagraph (viii) of this paragraph; and

15 2. For at least the first 15 calendar days after the signage is
16 installed.

17 (vi) This section applies to a violation of this subtitle recorded by a
18 speed monitoring system that meets the requirements of this subsection and has been
19 placed:

20 1. In Anne Arundel County, Montgomery County, or Prince
21 George's County, on a highway in a residential district, as defined in § 21-101 of this title,
22 with a maximum posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour, which speed limit was established
23 using generally accepted traffic engineering practices;

24 2. In a school zone with a posted speed limit of at least 20
25 miles per hour;

26 3. In Prince George's County:

27 A. Subject to subparagraph (vii)¹ of this paragraph, on
28 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway); or

29 B. On that part of a highway located within the grounds of
30 an institution of higher education as defined in § 10-101(h) of the Education Article, or
31 within one-half mile of the grounds of a building or property used by the institution of
32 higher education where generally accepted traffic and engineering practices indicate that
33 motor vehicle, pedestrian, or bicycle traffic is substantially generated or influenced by the
34 institution of higher education;

1 4. Subject to subparagraph (vii)² of this paragraph, on
2 Interstate 83 in Baltimore City;

3 5. In Anne Arundel County, on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup
4 Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel
5 County–Howard County line; [or]

6 6. Subject to subparagraph (vii)³ of this paragraph, at the
7 intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue in Talbot County;
8 **OR**

9 **7. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (XII) OF THIS**
10 **PARAGRAPH, IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY ON A HIGHWAY IDENTIFIED IN THE**
11 **MUNICIPALITY’S, COUNTY’S, OR STATE’S MOST RECENT STRATEGIC HIGHWAY**
12 **SAFETY PLAN OR VISION ZERO PLAN AS A HIGHWAY THAT IS AT HIGH RISK FOR**
13 **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES THAT RESULT IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH.**

14 **(XII) NEITHER MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOR A MUNICIPAL**
15 **GOVERNMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY MAY PLACE, HAVE PLACED, OR USE A**
16 **SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM TO ENFORCE SPEED LIMITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
17 **THIS SECTION ON A CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY, AN EXPRESSWAY, OR AN**
18 **INTERSTATE HIGHWAY IN THE COUNTY.**

19 (c) (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police
20 officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection (f)(4) of this
21 section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is
22 recorded by a speed monitoring system while being operated in violation of this subtitle.

23 (2) A civil penalty under this subsection may not exceed \$40.

24 (3) For purposes of this section, the District Court shall prescribe:

25 (i) A uniform citation form consistent with subsection (d)(1) of this
26 section and § 7–302 of the Courts Article; and

27 (ii) A civil penalty, which shall be indicated on the citation, to be paid
28 by persons who choose to prepay the civil penalty without appearing in District Court.

29 **(L) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2030, AND ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1**
30 **EVERY 5 YEARS THEREAFTER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY OR A MUNICIPALITY IN**
31 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHALL EVALUATE EACH SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM USED**
32 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B)(1)(VI)⁷ OF THIS SECTION FOR ITS**
33 **EFFECTIVENESS IN REDUCING THE MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED AT OR BELOW WHICH**
34 **85% OF THE DRIVERS TRAVEL AT THE LOCATION OF THE SPEED MONITORING**
35 **SYSTEM.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2025.