

# HOUSE BILL 1154

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems, Speed Monitoring**  
3 **Systems, and Work Zone Speed Control Systems – Citation Responses**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain warning on a citation issued for a violation recorded  
5 by a traffic control signal monitoring system, a speed monitoring system, or a work  
6 zone speed control system to state the number of days within which a person alleged  
7 to be liable must take a certain action in order to avoid an automatic admission of  
8 liability; and generally relating to citations issued for violations recorded by traffic  
9 control signal monitoring systems, speed monitoring systems, or work zone speed  
10 control systems.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Transportation  
13 Section 21–202.1(a)(1) and (5) and (e)(2) through (5), 21–809(a)(1) and (8) and (d)(2)  
14 through (5), and 21–810(a)(6) and (7)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Transportation  
19 Section 21–202.1(e)(1)(x), 21–809(d)(1)(xi), and 21–810(d)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Transportation**

4 21–202.1.

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

6 (5) “Traffic control signal monitoring system” means a device with one or  
7 more motor vehicle sensors working in conjunction with a traffic control signal to produce  
8 recorded images of motor vehicles entering an intersection against a red signal indication.

9 (e) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this  
10 subsection, an agency shall mail to the owner liable under subsection (d) of this section a  
11 citation which shall include:

12 (x) Information advising the person alleged to be liable under this  
13 section:

14 1. Of the manner and time in which liability as alleged in the  
15 citation may be contested in the District Court; and

16 2. Warning that failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest  
17 liability [in a timely manner] **WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE**  
18 **CITATION** is an admission of liability and may result in refusal or suspension of the motor  
19 vehicle registration.

20 (2) The agency may mail a warning notice in lieu of a citation to the owner  
21 liable under subsection (d) of this section.

22 (3) Except as provided in subsection (g)(5) of this section, a citation issued  
23 under this section shall be mailed no later than 2 weeks after the alleged violation.

24 (4) An agency may not mail a citation to a person who is not an owner  
25 under subsection (a)(3)(ii) of this section.

26 (5) A person who receives a citation under paragraph (1) of this subsection  
27 may:

28 (i) Pay the civil penalty, in accordance with instructions on the  
29 citation, directly to the political subdivision or to the District Court; or

30 (ii) Elect to stand trial for the alleged violation.

31 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 (d) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this  
6 subsection, an agency shall mail to an owner liable under subsection (c) of this section a  
7 citation that shall include:

8 (xi) Information advising the person alleged to be liable under this  
9 section that failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability [in a timely manner]  
10 **WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE CITATION:**

- 11 1. Is an admission of liability;
- 12 2. May result in the refusal by the Administration to register  
13 the motor vehicle; and
- 14 3. May result in the suspension of the motor vehicle  
15 registration.

16 (2) An agency may mail a warning notice instead of a citation to the owner  
17 liable under subsection (c) of this section.

18 (3) Except as provided in subsection (f)(4) of this section, an agency may  
19 not mail a citation to a person who is not an owner.

20 (4) Except as provided in subsections (b)(1)(ix) and (f)(4) of this section, a  
21 citation issued under this section shall be mailed no later than 2 weeks after the alleged  
22 violation if the vehicle is registered in this State, and 30 days after the alleged violation if  
23 the vehicle is registered in another state.

24 (5) A person who receives a citation under paragraph (1) of this subsection  
25 may:

26 (i) Pay the civil penalty, in accordance with instructions on the  
27 citation, directly to the political subdivision; or

28 (ii) Elect to stand trial in the District Court for the alleged violation.

29 21-810.

30 (a) (6) "Work zone" means a segment of a highway:

1 (i) That is identified as a temporary traffic control zone by traffic  
2 control devices that are placed or installed in general conformance with the State manual  
3 and specifications adopted for a uniform system of traffic control devices; and

4 (ii) Where highway construction, repair, maintenance, utility work,  
5 or a related activity, including the placement, installation, maintenance, or removal of a  
6 work zone traffic control device, is being performed regardless of whether workers are  
7 present.

8 (7) "Work zone speed control system" means a device having one or more  
9 motor vehicle sensors connected to a camera system capable of producing recorded images  
10 of motor vehicles traveling at or above a predetermined speed in or approaching a work  
11 zone.

12 (d) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this  
13 subsection, a local police department, State police department, or police department  
14 contractor shall mail to the owner liable under subsection (c) of this section a citation that  
15 shall include:

16 (i) The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;

17 (ii) The registration number of the motor vehicle involved in the  
18 violation;

19 (iii) The violation charged;

20 (iv) The location where the violation occurred;

21 (v) The date and time of the violation;

22 (vi) At least one recorded image of the vehicle with a data bar  
23 imprinted on each image that includes the speed of the vehicle and the date and time the  
24 image was recorded;

25 (vii) The amount of the civil penalty imposed and the date by which  
26 the civil penalty should be paid;

27 (viii) A signed statement by a police officer employed by the local police  
28 department or State police department that, based on inspection of recorded images, the  
29 motor vehicle was being operated in violation of this subtitle;

30 (ix) A statement that recorded images are evidence of a violation of  
31 this subtitle;

32 (x) Information advising the person alleged to be liable under this  
33 section of the manner and time in which liability as alleged in the citation may be contested  
34 in the District Court; and

1 (xi) Information advising the person alleged to be liable under this  
2 section that failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability ~~in a~~ [timely manner]  
3 **WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE CITATION:**

- 4 1. Is an admission of liability;  
5 2. May result in the refusal to register the motor vehicle; and  
6 3. May result in the suspension of the motor vehicle  
7 registration.

8 (2) The local police department or State police department may mail a  
9 warning notice instead of a citation to the owner liable under subsection (c) of this section.

10 (3) Except as provided in subsection (f)(4) of this section, the local police  
11 department or State police department may not mail a citation to a person who is not an  
12 owner.

13 (4) Except as provided in subsection (f)(4) of this section, a citation issued  
14 under this section shall be mailed no later than 2 weeks after the alleged violation if the  
15 vehicle is registered in this State, and no later than 30 days after the alleged violation if  
16 the vehicle is registered in another state.

17 (5) A person who receives a citation under paragraph (1) of this subsection  
18 may:

- 19 (i) Pay the civil penalty in accordance with instructions on the  
20 citation; or  
21 (ii) Elect to stand trial in the District Court for the alleged violation.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.