

# HOUSE BILL 978

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**  
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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland Route 382**  
3 **(Croom Road)**

4 **PG 316–21**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on  
6 Maryland Route 382 (Croom Road) between Mount Calvert Road and Molly Berry  
7 Road in Prince George's County, subject to certain placement and signage  
8 requirements; and generally relating to the placement and use of speed monitoring  
9 systems in Prince George's County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Transportation  
12 Section 21–809(a)(1) and (8), (b)(1)(i) and (v), and (c)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2020 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Transportation  
17 Section 21–809(b)(1)(vi) and (viii)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2020 Replacement Volume)

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

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 21–809.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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 (vii) 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 Montgomery County, on a highway in a residential  
21 district, as defined in § 21–101 of this title, with a maximum posted speed limit of 35 miles  
22 per hour, which speed limit was established using generally accepted traffic engineering  
23 practices;

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

26 3. In Prince George’s County:

27 A. Subject to subparagraph (vii) 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; **OR**

35 C. **ON MARYLAND ROUTE 382 (CROOM ROAD)**

1 **BETWEEN MOUNT CALVERT ROAD AND MOLLY BERRY ROAD.**

2 (viii) Before activating a speed monitoring system, the local  
3 jurisdiction shall:

4 1. Publish notice of the location of the speed monitoring  
5 system on its website and in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction;

6 2. Ensure that each sign that designates a school zone is  
7 proximate to a sign that:

8 A. Indicates that speed monitoring systems are in use in the  
9 school zone; and

10 B. Is in accordance with the manual for and the specifications  
11 for a uniform system of traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration  
12 under § 25–104 of this article;

13 3. With regard to a speed monitoring system established on  
14 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) **OR ON MARYLAND ROUTE 382 (CROOM**  
15 **ROAD)** in Prince George’s County or based on proximity to an institution of higher  
16 education under subparagraph (vi)<sup>3</sup> of this paragraph, ensure that all speed limit signs  
17 approaching and within the segment of highway on which the speed monitoring system is  
18 located include signs that:

19 A. Are in accordance with the manual and specifications for  
20 a uniform system of traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration  
21 under § 25–104 of this article; and

22 B. Indicate that a speed monitoring system is in use; and

23 4. With regard to a speed monitoring system placed on  
24 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George’s County, ensure that each  
25 sign that indicates that a speed monitoring system is in use is proximate to a device that  
26 displays a real–time posting of the speed at which a driver is traveling.

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

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

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

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

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

3           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2021.