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Chair Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

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HB151 – Traffic control device monitoring

Mr. Chair, members of the committee, for the record, Del. Anne Healey. Thank you for the opportunity to present HB151, a bill that creates a more efficient system for local governments across the state to enforce traffic violations.

What does the bill do?

This legislation enables local governments to use photo enforcement for stop signs, oneway streets, no left turns and other similar traffic enforcement with fines being \$40 – the same as for speed cameras. This is a companion bill to another you'll hear today (HB130) that would make these offenses secondary in most cases and thereby eliminating some unnecessary traffic stops.

We have heard many complaints from our constituents in communities that have a lot of complaints about stop sign running and other similar traffic violations. But they want a more efficient solution for their local government other than continually asking the police to park nearby, watch, and enforce the violations, which is not a very effective long-term strategy or a



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good use of police time. Cameras are already used for toll booths and speeding violations, I'm confident this would be an effective solution for other traffic enforcement.

I ask for a favorable report on HB151.