



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

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Committee: House Environment and Transportation

Bill: HB 928 - Motor Vehicles - Off-the-Road Motorcycles - Local Regulation and Enforcement

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 928, which will significantly aid municipalities in maintaining order on their roadways by granting municipalities the authority to regulate certain off the road motorcycles.

Municipalities deal with many quality of life issues for their constituents and action on local streets is one of them. The expanded definition of “off the road motorcycles” includes many types of vehicles that are either unsafe or unlicensed to operate on public roadways. Granting municipalities the authority to regulate these types of vehicles is a matter of safety and should be a local decision.

Currently, municipalities have broad authority to regulate many aspects of usage of their roadways, however this bill grants municipalities an express new authority that is currently only available to counties and Baltimore City. Expanding authority to municipalities to regulate off the road motorcycles allows for all local governments to choose how to govern usage of their roadways.

The new authority provided in HB 928 should significantly assist municipalities deal with the problem of vehicles meant for off the road usage operating on our roadways. For this reason, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide House Bill 928 with a favorable report.

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