



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

# TESTIMONY

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**Committee:** House Environment and Transportation

**Bill:** HB 353 - Traffic Control Device Monitoring Systems - Authorization

**Position:** Support

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 353, which authorizes municipal governments to install a traffic control device monitoring system within their jurisdiction. Implementing these systems will help local governments curb traffic violations without the need for officers to make the stop.

Currently, municipalities are authorized to place speed cameras within school zones in their jurisdiction after following a public process. While this authority is welcome as a tool to combat speeding, some municipalities are unable to install speed cameras due to a lack of a nearby school around which to create a school zone.

HB 353, would allow municipalities to install cameras to capture images of other types of violations occurring at traffic control devices. Interested municipalities would need to follow a public process prior to installation similar to the speed camera process. This proposed authority would likely allow many more municipalities to use cameras to curb reckless driving as traffic control devices encompass most items that are placed by an authority to inform or direct drivers; from signage to traffic cones. The bill limits, however, the amount of a fine resulting from a violation captured on a monitoring system to \$40.

Unsafe driving is a problem in many municipalities, and this bill provides one more tool to curb certain types of violations. As such, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 353 with a favorable report.

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