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BILL NO.: **HB 601**

TITLE: Street Racing and Exhibition Driving – Prohibition Acts, Enforcement, and Penalties

SPONSOR: Delegate Lehman

COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

POSITION: **SUPPORTS**

DATE: February 15, 2024

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 601 – Street Racing and Exhibition Driving – Prohibition Acts, Enforcement, and Penalties. This legislation would increase the penalties for participating in street racing or exhibition driving.

HB 601 addresses the troubling trend of street racing and exhibition driving in communities across the state. More specifically, it prohibits participating in a race or speed contest on a highway, engaging in exhibition driving on a highway, and furthering these penalties for participating in either of these activities resulting in a serious bodily injury. The legislation allows those found in violation of these activities, absent seriously bodily injury, to be subject to 60 days or imprisonment, a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or both. By increasing these penalties, law enforcement can ensure that our communities are protected from the chaos and disruption of these dangerous events.

Accordingly, Baltimore County urges a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 601 from the House Environment and Transportation committee. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.