
March 6, 2024

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

***RE: Letter of Information – Senate Bill 939 – Criminal Law - Reckless Endangerment -
Use of Motor Vehicle***

Dear Chair Smith and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) offers the following information on Senate Bill 939 for the Committee's consideration.

Senate Bill 939 would repeal the exclusion of conduct involving a motor vehicle from being charged with reckless endangerment when engaging in certain actions as defined under Criminal Law Article § 3-204.

The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) is the administrative agency tasked with maintaining a driving record and administering punishments for certain offenses involving motor vehicles. As currently drafted, if Senate Bill 939 were to pass, and an individual is convicted of the use of a motor vehicle for reckless endangerment, this offense would not be shared with the MVA by the courts. As a result, MVA would not be able to assess additional fines, points, or take other administrative actions against the convicted individual.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the Committee consider this information when deliberating Senate Bill 939.

Respectfully submitted,

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