



# Maryland Chiefs of Police Association

## Maryland Sheriffs' Association



### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chair and  
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee  
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee  
Samira Jackson, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: January 31, 2025

RE: **SB 390 Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Statements and Certificates of Violations**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT SB 390**. This bill allows for certified technicians, along with already authorized law enforcement, to inspect recorded images produced by speed cameras and swear to and affirm the recorded violation's accuracy.

Under current law, only law enforcement officers are authorized to review speed camera images and approve citations. This is a timely process and requires law enforcement officers to perform administrative duties instead of being present in the field and available to respond to urgent emergencies. SB 390 seeks to find a balance of these duties by allowing authorized technicians, who complete the same reasonable training as law enforcement, to review these images and recordings and approve citations. Given the difficult state of officer recruitment and retention in the state of Maryland, law enforcement needs as many available officers as possible, and this bill can and will assist with that problem.

Additionally, civilian technicians have been permitted to review red light camera images and approve citations since 1997. This has proven to be very effective and SB 390 will create these same efficiencies.

Speed cameras are a proven tool to reduce speeding and decrease traffic related injuries. This bill will improve the efficiency of these critical traffic safety programs, create less administrative work for law enforcement officers, and allow law enforcement officers to use their time and resources in the field as needed. For these reasons, MCPA and MSA **SUPPORT SB 390** and urge a **FAVORABLE** committee report.