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ENROLLED BILL

— Judicial Proceedings/Environment and Transportation —

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Bus Lane Obstruction – Monitoring Systems Expansion and**

3 **Workgroup**

4 **(Better Bus Service Act of 2024)**

5 FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing the use of automated bus obstruction monitoring systems~~
6 ~~to enforce violations of certain parking-related prohibitions~~ *prohibiting a person*
7 *from parking or standing certain vehicles in a dedicated bus lane*; making statewide
8 the authority of a local jurisdiction to use, in accordance with certain standards and
9 procedures, a bus obstruction lane monitoring systems system to enforce certain
10 ~~prohibited acts related to dedicated areas near the edge of roadways~~; *prohibiting a*
11 ~~person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in certain areas of the roadway~~
12 *the prohibition against driving, standing, or parking a motor vehicle in a designated*
13 *bus lane*; establishing the Workgroup on Curb Space Management; and generally
14 relating to bus ~~obstruction~~ *lane* monitoring systems.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article — Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 Section 7-302(e)(2) and 10-311(e) and (f)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article — State Finance and Procurement
 Section 17-901
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Transportation
 Section 21-101(a) and 21-1003(a), (j), (r), and (dd)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Transportation
 Section 21-101(i-1), 21-1133, and 21-1134
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

~~BY adding to
 Article — Transportation
 Section 21-1003(gg) and (hh)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

~~**Article — Courts and Judicial Proceedings**~~

~~**7-302.**~~

~~(e) (2) (i) A citation issued as the result of a vehicle height monitoring system, a traffic control signal monitoring system, or a speed monitoring system, including a work zone speed control system, controlled by a political subdivision, a school bus monitoring camera, or a bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring system shall provide that, in an uncontested case, the penalty shall be paid directly to that political subdivision.~~

~~(ii) A citation issued as the result of a traffic control signal monitoring system or a work zone speed control system controlled by a State agency, or as a result of a vehicle height monitoring system, a traffic control signal monitoring system, a speed monitoring system, a school bus monitoring camera, or a bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION~~

~~monitoring system in a case contested in District Court, shall provide that the penalty shall be paid directly to the District Court.~~

~~10-311.~~

~~(e) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring system in accordance with § 21-1134 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 21-1133 of the Transportation Article without authentication.~~

~~(f) In any other judicial proceeding, a recorded image produced by a vehicle height monitoring system, traffic control signal monitoring system, speed monitoring system, work zone speed control system, school bus monitoring camera, or bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring system is admissible as otherwise provided by law.~~

~~Article – State Finance and Procurement~~

~~17-901.~~

~~(a) In this section, “bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION MONITORING system operator” has the meaning stated in [§ 21-1133] § 21-1134 of the Transportation Article.~~

~~(b) (1) If the City of Baltimore elects to designate a contractor to serve as the bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION MONITORING system operator for the City of Baltimore, the City of Baltimore shall issue a competitive request for proposals to select the contractor.~~

~~(2) If the Baltimore City Police Department elects to designate a contractor to administer and process civil citations issued under § 21-1134 of the Transportation Article, the City of Baltimore shall issue a competitive request for proposals to select the contractor.~~

~~(c) If the City of Baltimore issues a request for proposals under subsection (b) of this section, the City of Baltimore shall apply the relevant procurement preferences for minority and women’s business enterprises and consider the procurement participation goals regarding minority and women’s business enterprises in selecting a contractor.~~

Article – Transportation

21-101.

(a) In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

(i-1) (1) “Dedicated bus lane” means a lane designated for use by mass transit vehicles owned, operated, or contracted for by the Maryland Transit Administration, **THE**

1 **WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**, or a local department of
2 transportation.

3 **(2) "DEDICATED BUS LANE" INCLUDES TRANSIT BUS STOPS LOCATED**
4 **PROXIMATE TO LANES DESIGNATED FOR USE BY MASS TRANSIT VEHICLES.**

5 ~~21-1003.~~

6 ~~(a) The provisions of this section apply except as necessary to avoid conflict with~~
7 ~~other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic control~~
8 ~~device.~~

9 ~~(j) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle at any place where stopping is~~
10 ~~prohibited by an official sign.~~

11 ~~(r) A person may not stand or park a vehicle on the roadway side of any other~~
12 ~~vehicle that is stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a highway.~~

13 ~~(dd) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in front of a curb ramp~~
14 ~~designed for the use of individuals with disabilities.~~

15 ~~(GG) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK A VEHICLE IN A BUS STOP~~
16 ~~ZONE.~~

17 ~~(HH) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK A VEHICLE IN A BIKE LANE.~~

18 21-1133.

19 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person may not drive,
20 **STAND, OR PARK** a vehicle in a dedicated bus lane unless authorized by the local
21 jurisdiction in which the dedicated bus lane is located.

22 (b) The following vehicles may be driven, **ALLOWED TO STAND, OR, AS**
23 **APPROPRIATE, PARKED** in a dedicated bus lane:

24 (1) A transit vehicle owned, operated, or contracted for by the Maryland
25 Transit Administration, **THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT**
26 **AUTHORITY**, or a local department of transportation;

27 (2) A school bus;

28 (3) A bicycle;

29 (4) An emergency vehicle; ~~and~~

30 (5) A vehicle making a right turn at the next immediate intersection; ~~AND~~

~~(6) A VEHICLE MAKING A BRIEF STOP FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP A PASSENGER; AND~~

~~(6) (7) A PRIVATELY OPERATED BUS WITH A SEATING CAPACITY GREATER THAN 16 PASSENGERS.~~

21-1134.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “AGENCY” MEANS:

(I) ~~A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR PARKING ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THE STATE OR~~ A LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW OR OF LOCAL TRAFFIC ~~AND PARKING~~ LAWS OR REGULATIONS;

(II) FOR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT DOES NOT MAINTAIN A POLICE FORCE, AN AGENCY ESTABLISHED OR DESIGNATED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO USE BUS LANE OBSTRUCTION MONITORING SYSTEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION; OR

(III) A LOCAL, REGIONAL, OR STATEWIDE TRANSIT AGENCY OR AUTHORITY, INCLUDING THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION AND THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

(3) “Bus ~~[lane] OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system” means an enforcement system, ~~INCLUDING AN ONBOARD OR FIXED MONITORING SYSTEM~~, that is designed to capture a recorded image [of a driver] of a motor vehicle [committing] ~~DURING THE COMMISSION OF~~ a violation.

~~[(3)] (4)~~ “Bus ~~[lane] OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system operator” means a representative of [the Baltimore City Police Department] ~~AN AGENCY~~ or a contractor that operates a bus ~~[lane] OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system.

~~[(4)] (5)~~ (i) “Owner” means the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a lessee of a motor vehicle under a lease of 6 months or more.

(ii) “Owner” does not include:

1. A motor vehicle leasing company; or

2. A holder of a special registration plate issued under Title 13, Subtitle 9, Part III of this article.

1 ~~[(5)] (6)~~ “Recorded image” means an image recorded by a bus ~~[lane]~~
2 ~~OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system:

3 (i) On:

- 4 1. A photograph;
- 5 2. A microphotograph;
- 6 3. An electronic image;
- 7 4. Videotape; or
- 8 5. Any other visual medium; and

9 (ii) Showing a motor vehicle and, on at least one image or portion of
10 the recording, clearly identifying the registration plate number of the motor vehicle.

11 ~~[(6)] (7)~~ “Violation” means a violation of:

12 ~~(I)~~ § 21-1133 of this subtitle; ~~OR~~

13 ~~(II)~~ ~~§ 21-1003(J), (R), (DD), (GG), OR (HH) OF THIS TITLE.~~

14 (b) [This section applies only in Baltimore City.

15 (c) (1) [Baltimore City] **AN AGENCY** may use a bus ~~[lane]~~ ~~OBSTRUCTION~~
16 monitoring system that meets the requirements of this subsection to record the images of
17 motor vehicles [traveling in a bus lane] ~~COMMITTING~~ **DURING THE COMMISSION OF A**
18 **VIOLATION.**

19 (2) A bus ~~[lane]~~ ~~OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system may be used only:

20 (i) When being operated by a bus ~~[lane]~~ ~~OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring
21 system operator;

22 (ii) If, in accordance with the Maryland Manual on Uniform Traffic
23 Control Devices[a]:

24 1. A conspicuous road sign is placed at a reasonable distance
25 consistent with national guidelines [before the bus lane] alerting drivers that a bus ~~[lane]~~
26 ~~OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system may be in operation in the bus lane; **OR**

1 **2. A CONSPICUOUS SIGN IS AFFIXED TO THE TRANSIT**
2 **VEHICLE ALERTING DRIVERS THAT THE VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH A BUS**
3 ~~**OBSTRUCTION LANE MONITORING SYSTEM;**~~ and

4 (iii) If the system produces video for each alleged violation that allows
5 for the differentiation between a vehicle that is [driven] **DRIVING, STANDING, OR**
6 **PARKED** in a dedicated bus lane in violation of § 21-1133 of this subtitle and a vehicle that
7 is lawfully stopped or moving in order to execute a right turn at an intersection.

8 (3) (I) A bus [~~lane]~~ ~~**OBSTRUCTION**~~ monitoring system may [be used to
9 record] **RETAIN** only the images of vehicles that [are traveling in a bus lane] ~~**ARE**~~ **CONTAIN**
10 **EVIDENCE OF A VIOLATION.**

11 (II) **RECORDED IMAGES FROM A BUS** ~~**OBSTRUCTION LANE**~~
12 **MONITORING SYSTEM:**

13 1. **THAT CONTAIN EVIDENCE OF A VIOLATION MAY BE**
14 **RETAINED FOR UP TO 6 MONTHS OR 60 DAYS AFTER FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE**
15 **CITATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER;**

16 2. **THAT DO NOT CONTAIN EVIDENCE OF A VIOLATION**
17 **SHALL BE DESTROYED WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE RECORDED ~~IMAGE WAS~~ IMAGES**
18 **WERE FIRST CAPTURED; AND**

19 3. **MAY NOT BE USED FOR ANY ~~OTHER~~ PURPOSE OTHER**
20 **THAN AS EVIDENCE OF A VIOLATION WITHOUT A WARRANT, SUBPOENA, OR COURT**
21 **ORDER.**

22 (III) **A BUS LANE ~~OBSTRUCTION~~ MONITORING SYSTEM MAY NOT**
23 **USE BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING FACIAL RECOGNITION**
24 **TECHNOLOGY.**

25 [(d)] (C) (1) (i) A bus [~~lane]~~ ~~**OBSTRUCTION**~~ monitoring system operator
26 shall complete training by the manufacturer of the bus [~~lane]~~ ~~**OBSTRUCTION**~~ monitoring
27 system in the procedures for setting up, testing, and operating the bus [~~lane]~~
28 ~~**OBSTRUCTION**~~ monitoring system.

29 (ii) On completion of the training, the manufacturer shall issue a
30 signed certificate to the bus [~~lane]~~ ~~**OBSTRUCTION**~~ monitoring system operator.

31 (iii) The certificate of training shall be admitted as evidence in any
32 court proceeding for a violation.

1 (2) A bus ~~[lane] OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system operator shall fill out
2 and sign a daily set-up log for each bus ~~[lane] OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system that:

3 (i) States the date and time when the system was set up;

4 (ii) States that the bus ~~[lane] OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system
5 operator successfully performed, and the device passed, the manufacturer-specified
6 self-tests of the bus ~~[lane] OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system before producing a recorded
7 image;

8 (iii) Shall be kept on file; and

9 (iv) Shall be admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for a
10 violation.

11 **[(e)] (D)** (1) A bus ~~[lane] OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system shall undergo an
12 annual calibration check performed by an independent calibration laboratory.

13 (2) The independent calibration laboratory shall issue a signed certificate
14 of calibration after the annual calibration check that:

15 (i) Shall be kept on file; and

16 (ii) Shall be admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for a
17 violation of § 21-1133 of this subtitle.

18 **[(f)] (E)** (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a
19 police officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection **[(i)(5)]**
20 **(H)(5)** of this section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor
21 vehicle is recorded by a bus ~~[lane] OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system during the
22 commission of a violation.

23 (2) A civil penalty under this section may not exceed \$75.

24 (3) For purposes of this section, the District Court shall prescribe:

25 (i) A uniform citation form consistent with subsection **[(g)(1)] (F)(1)**
26 of this section and § 7-302 of the Courts Article; and

27 (ii) A civil penalty, which shall be indicated on the citation, to be paid
28 by persons who choose to prepay the civil penalty without appearing in District Court.

29 **[(g)] (F)** (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (5) of this
30 subsection, **[the Baltimore City Police Department] AN AGENCY** or a contractor of the
31 **[police department] AGENCY** shall mail to the owner liable under subsection **[(f)] (E)** of
32 this section a citation that shall include:

- 1 (i) The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;
- 2 (ii) The registration number of the motor vehicle involved in the
3 violation;
- 4 (iii) The violation charged;
- 5 (iv) To the extent possible, the location of the violation;
- 6 (v) The date and time of the violation;
- 7 (vi) A copy of the recorded image;
- 8 (vii) The amount of the civil penalty imposed and the date by which
9 the civil penalty must be paid;

10 (viii) A signed statement by a police officer employed by [the Baltimore
11 City Police Department] ~~▲ THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY~~ that, based on
12 inspection of the recorded images, the motor vehicle was being operated during the
13 commission of a violation;

14 (ix) A statement that the recorded image is evidence of a violation;
15 and

16 (x) Information advising the person alleged to be liable under this
17 section:

18 1. Of the manner and time in which liability as alleged in the
19 citation may be contested in the District Court; and

20 2. That failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability
21 in a timely manner is an admission of liability and may result in refusal or suspension of
22 the motor vehicle registration.

23 (2) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, [the Baltimore
24 City Police Department] AN AGENCY may mail a warning notice in place of a citation to
25 the owner liable under subsection [(f)] (E) of this section.

26 (ii) [The Baltimore City Police Department] AN AGENCY shall mail
27 a warning notice in place of a citation to an owner liable under subsection [(f)] (E) of this
28 section for a violation recorded by a bus [lane] ~~OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system during
29 the first 45 days that the bus [lane] ~~OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system is in operation.

30 (3) (i) Before mailing a citation to a motor vehicle rental company liable
31 under subsection [(f)] (E) of this section, [the Baltimore City Police Department] AN

1 AGENCY shall mail a notice to the motor vehicle rental company stating that a citation will
2 be mailed to the motor vehicle rental company unless, within 45 days after receiving the
3 notice, the motor vehicle rental company provides the [Baltimore City Police Department]
4 AGENCY with:

5 1. A statement made under oath that states the name and
6 last known mailing address of the individual driving or renting the motor vehicle when the
7 violation occurred;

8 2. A. A statement made under oath that states that the
9 motor vehicle rental company is unable to determine who was driving or renting the vehicle
10 at the time the violation occurred because the motor vehicle was stolen at the time of the
11 violation; and

12 B. A copy of the police report associated with the motor
13 vehicle theft claimed under item A of this item; or

14 3. Payment for the penalty associated with the violation.

15 (ii) [The Baltimore City Police Department] AN AGENCY may not
16 mail a citation to a motor vehicle rental company liable under subsection [(f)] (E) of this
17 section if the motor vehicle rental company complies with subparagraph (i) of this
18 paragraph.

19 (4) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection and subsection
20 [(i)(5)] (H)(5) of this section, a citation issued under this section shall be mailed not later
21 than 2 weeks after the alleged violation.

22 (5) A person who receives a citation under paragraph (1) of this subsection
23 may:

24 (i) Pay the civil penalty, in accordance with instructions on the
25 citation, directly to [Baltimore City] THE LOCAL JURISDICTION; or

26 (ii) Elect to stand trial IN THE DISTRICT COURT for the alleged
27 violation.

28 [(h)] (G) (1) (i) A certificate alleging that a violation occurred, sworn to or
29 affirmed by a [Baltimore City police officer] DULY AUTHORIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT
30 OFFICER EMPLOYED OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH AN AGENCY, based on inspection of a
31 recorded image produced by a bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring system, shall be
32 evidence of the facts contained in the certificate and shall be admissible in any proceeding
33 concerning the alleged violation without the presence or testimony of the bus [lane]
34 OBSTRUCTION monitoring system operator who performed the requirements under
35 subsection [(d)] (C) of this section.

1 (ii) If a person who received a citation under this section desires a
2 bus ~~[lane]~~ ~~OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system operator to be present and testify at trial,
3 the person shall notify the court and the [Baltimore City Police Department] AGENCY in
4 writing not later than 20 days before trial.

5 (iii) 1. On request of a person who received a citation under this
6 section, video of the alleged violation shall be made available to the person.

7 2. Video evidence made available under subsubparagraph 1
8 of this subparagraph shall be admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for a violation
9 of § 21-1133 of this subtitle.

10 (2) Adjudication of liability shall be based on a preponderance of evidence.

11 [(i)] (H) (1) The District Court may consider in defense of an alleged
12 violation:

13 (i) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, that the motor vehicle
14 or registration plates of the motor vehicle were stolen before the violation occurred and
15 were not under the control or in the possession of the owner at the time of the violation;

16 (ii) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, evidence that the
17 person named in the citation was not operating the vehicle at the time of the violation; and

18 (iii) Any other issues and evidence that the District Court deems
19 relevant.

20 (2) To demonstrate that the motor vehicle or the registration plates were
21 stolen before the violation occurred and were not under the control or in the possession of
22 the owner at the time of the violation, the owner shall submit proof that a police report
23 about the stolen motor vehicle or registration plates was filed in a timely manner.

24 (3) To satisfy the evidentiary burden under paragraph (1)(ii) of this
25 subsection, the person named in the citation shall provide to the District Court evidence to
26 the satisfaction of the District Court of who was operating the vehicle at the time of the
27 violation, including, at a minimum, the operator's name and current address.

28 (4) (i) This paragraph applies only to a citation that involves a Class E
29 (truck) vehicle with a registered gross weight of 26,001 pounds or more, a Class F (tractor)
30 vehicle, a Class G (trailer) vehicle operated in combination with a Class F (tractor) vehicle,
31 and a Class P (passenger bus) vehicle.

32 (ii) To satisfy the evidentiary burden under paragraph (1)(ii) of this
33 subsection, the person named in a citation described under subparagraph (i) of this

1 paragraph may provide to the District Court a letter, sworn to or affirmed by the person
2 and mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, that:

3 1. States that the person named in the citation was not
4 operating the vehicle at the time of the violation; and

5 2. Provides the name, address, and driver's license
6 identification number of the person who was operating the vehicle at the time of the
7 violation.

8 (5) (i) If the District Court finds that the person named in the citation
9 was not operating the vehicle at the time of the violation or receives evidence under
10 paragraph (4)(ii)2 of this subsection identifying the person driving the vehicle at the time
11 of the violation, the clerk of the court shall provide to the [Baltimore City Police
12 Department] AGENCY a copy of any evidence substantiating who was operating the vehicle
13 at the time of the violation.

14 (ii) On the receipt of substantiating evidence from the District Court
15 under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, [the Baltimore City Police Department] AN
16 AGENCY may issue a new citation as provided in subsection [(g)] (F) of this section to the
17 person that the evidence indicates was operating the vehicle at the time of the violation.

18 (iii) A citation issued under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph shall
19 be mailed not later than 2 weeks after receipt of the evidence from the District Court.

20 [(j)] (I) If the civil penalty is not paid and the violation is not contested, the
21 Administration may refuse to register or reregister the motor vehicle.

22 [(k)] (J) A violation for which a civil penalty is imposed under this section:

23 (1) Is not a moving violation for the purpose of assessing points under §
24 16–402 of this article and may not be recorded by the Administration on the driving record
25 of the owner or driver of the vehicle;

26 (2) May be treated as a parking violation for purposes of § 26–305 of this
27 article; and

28 (3) May not be considered in the provision of motor vehicle insurance
29 coverage.

30 [(l)] (K) In consultation with the [Baltimore City Police Department]
31 APPROPRIATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, the Chief Judge of the District Court
32 shall adopt procedures for the issuance of citations, trials for violations, and the collection
33 of civil penalties imposed under this section.

1 [(m)] (L) (1) [The Baltimore City Police Department] AN AGENCY or a
2 contractor designated by the [Baltimore City Police Department] AGENCY shall administer
3 and process civil citations issued under this section in coordination with the District Court.

4 (2) If a contractor provides, deploys, or operates a bus ~~[lane]~~
5 ~~OBSTRUCTION~~ monitoring system for [the Baltimore City Police Department] AN
6 AGENCY, the contractor's fee may not be contingent on the number of citations issued or
7 paid.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

9 (a) There is a Workgroup on Curb Space Management.

10 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members, appointed by the Governor:

11 (1) one representative of the Maryland Transit Administration;

12 (2) one representative of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit
13 Authority;

14 (3) one representative of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation;

15 (4) one representative of the Baltimore County Department of Public
16 Works and Transportation;

17 (5) one representative of the Office of Transportation for Anne Arundel
18 County;

19 (6) one representative of the Office of Transportation for Howard County;

20 (7) one representative of the Montgomery County Department of
21 Transportation;

22 (8) one representative of the Prince George's County Department of Public
23 Works and Transportation; and

24 (9) a representative of a nonprofit transportation advocacy organization
25 from each of the following jurisdictions:

26 (i) Baltimore City;

27 (ii) Baltimore County;

28 (iii) Anne Arundel County;

29 (iv) Howard County;

1 (v) Montgomery County; and

2 (vi) Prince George's County.

3 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Workgroup.

4 (d) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

5 (e) A member of the Workgroup:

6 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

7 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
8 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

9 (f) The Workgroup shall:

10 (1) analyze curb space regulations within transit-served areas of the State;

11 (2) provide recommendations on how to effectively manage curb space
12 changes on roadways with frequent bus service, dedicated lanes, and parking, loading, or
13 standing needs;

14 (3) examine strategies on obstruction enforcement at bus stops;

15 (4) provide recommendations for a public education campaign about
16 dedicated bus lanes and the enforcement of bus lane laws, including messaging and
17 potential signage; and

18 (5) analyze potential privacy concerns when onboard bus obstruction
19 monitoring cameras are used and provide recommendations on how to address these
20 concerns.

21 (g) On or before July 1, 2025, the Workgroup shall report its findings and
22 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
23 Government Article, the General Assembly.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take
25 effect October 1, 2024.

26 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section
27 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024. Section 2 of this Act shall remain
28 effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2026, Section 2 of this Act, with
29 no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further
30 force and effect.