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By: **Delegate K. Kelly**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Use of Traffic Control  
4 Signal Monitoring Systems; specifying the membership of the Task Force;  
5 requiring the Governor to designate the chairman of the Task Force; requiring  
6 the Motor Vehicle Administration to provide staff for the Task Force; requiring  
7 the Task Force to undertake a certain study; requiring the Task Force to report  
8 to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing  
9 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a  
10 Task Force to Study the Use of Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Use of Traffic Control Signal  
14 Monitoring Systems.

15 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

16 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
17 the Senate;

18 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
19 the House;

20 (3) the Motor Vehicle Administrator, or the Administrator's designee;

21 (4) the Secretary of the Department of State Police, or the Secretary's  
22 designee; and

23 (5) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

24 (i) one representative of a company that sells or operates traffic  
25 control signal monitoring systems; and

1                   (ii)       one representative of a consumer highway safety organization  
2 such as AAA Mid-Atlantic.

3       (c)       The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

4       (d)       The Motor Vehicle Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.

5       (e)       The Task Force shall study the use of traffic control signal monitoring  
6 systems to enforce laws prohibiting entering an intersection against a red signal  
7 indication and shall evaluate:

8               (1)       the accuracy of such systems at identifying violators;

9               (2)       the effectiveness of such systems in deterring violations and reducing  
10 vehicular accidents;

11              (3)       the manner in which such systems are administered by law  
12 enforcement agencies; and

13              (4)       the fee structures established to compensate persons contracted to  
14 operate such systems.

15       (f)       The Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor and, subject to §  
16 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before January  
17 1, 2003.

18       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 June 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,  
20 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
21 abrogated and of no further force and effect.