

# HOUSE BILL 1002

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Police Vehicles Engaged in Traffic Stops – Video Recording**  
3 **Systems**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that, on or after a certain date, a motor vehicle of a  
5 certain law enforcement agency in Baltimore City used to initiate a traffic stop  
6 shall be equipped with an in-car video recording system that activates on the  
7 activation of the vehicle's emergency lights and makes a video recording of any  
8 activity occurring immediately in front of the vehicle during the traffic stop;  
9 requiring that a video recording made in accordance with this Act be retained  
10 by the law enforcement agency for a certain period following the date of the  
11 recording; defining certain terms; and generally relating to police vehicles  
12 engaged in traffic stops.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Transportation  
15 Section 25–114  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 **25–114.**

22 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**  
23 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) “LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” MEANS AN AGENCY WITH**  
2 **JURISDICTION IN BALTIMORE CITY THAT IS LISTED IN § 3-101(E) OF THE**  
3 **PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.**

4           **(3) “TRAFFIC STOP” MEANS ANY INSTANCE IN WHICH A POLICE**  
5 **OFFICER STOPS THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND DETAINS THE DRIVER**  
6 **FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME FOR A VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW.**

7           **(B) ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2011, A MOTOR VEHICLE OF A LAW**  
8 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN BALTIMORE CITY USED TO INITIATE A TRAFFIC**  
9 **STOP SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH AN IN-CAR VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEM THAT:**

10           **(1) ACTIVATES ON THE ACTIVATION OF THE VEHICLE’S**  
11 **EMERGENCY LIGHTS; AND**

12           **(2) MAKES A VIDEO RECORDING OF ANY ACTIVITY OCCURRING**  
13 **IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE VEHICLE DURING THE TRAFFIC STOP.**

14           **(C) A VIDEO RECORDING MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION**  
15 **SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR A PERIOD OF 1**  
16 **YEAR FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THE RECORDING.**

17           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
18 **October 1, 2010.**