

HOUSE BILL 941

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By: **Delegate Wells (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Baltimore City~~ **Motor Vehicles – Speed Limits – Establishment and Enforcement**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing Baltimore City to ~~establish~~ decrease or raise to a previously
4 established level the maximum speed limit on a highway under its jurisdiction
5 without performing an engineering and traffic study; prohibiting a local jurisdiction
6 from implementing a new speed monitoring system to enforce speed limits on certain
7 highways; and generally relating to the establishment and enforcement of speed
8 limits on highways ~~in Baltimore City~~.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 21–803
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2020 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 21–809(b)(1)(vi)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2020 Replacement Volume)

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Transportation
21 Section 21–809(b)(1)(xi)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland

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.



1 (2) Any municipality within each county may decrease the maximum speed
2 limit in a school zone within the municipality to 15 miles per hour during school hours,
3 provided the municipality pays the cost of placing and maintaining the necessary signs.

4 (c) An altered maximum speed limit established under this section is effective
5 when posted on appropriate signs giving notice of the limit.

6 (d) Except in Baltimore City, any alteration by a local authority of a maximum
7 speed limit on a part or extension of a State highway is not effective until it is approved by
8 the State Highway Administration.

9 (e) (1) If a local authority determines that any maximum speed limit specified
10 in this subtitle is greater than reasonable or safe in an alley in its jurisdiction, the local
11 authority may establish a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit for the alley.

12 (2) The local authority shall post a speed limit established under this
13 subsection on appropriate signs giving notice of the speed limit.

14 21-809.

15 (b) (1) (vi) This section applies to a violation of this subtitle recorded by a
16 speed monitoring system that meets the requirements of this subsection and has been
17 placed:

18 1. In Montgomery County, on a highway in a residential
19 district, as defined in § 21-101 of this title, with a maximum posted speed limit of 35 miles
20 per hour, which speed limit was established using generally accepted traffic engineering
21 practices;

22 2. In a school zone with a posted speed limit of at least 20
23 miles per hour; or

24 3. In Prince George's County:

25 A. Subject to subparagraph (vii) of this paragraph, on
26 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway); or

27 B. On that part of a highway located within the grounds of
28 an institution of higher education as defined in § 10-101(h) of the Education Article, or
29 within one-half mile of the grounds of a building or property used by the institution of
30 higher education where generally accepted traffic and engineering practices indicate that
31 motor vehicle, pedestrian, or bicycle traffic is substantially generated or influenced by the
32 institution of higher education.

33 (XI) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY NOT IMPLEMENT A NEW SPEED
34 MONITORING SYSTEM TO ENFORCE SPEED LIMITS ON ANY PORTION OF A HIGHWAY

1 FOR WHICH THE SPEED LIMIT HAS BEEN DECREASED WITHOUT PERFORMING AN
2 ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.