

HOUSE BILL 967

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

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Speed Monitoring Systems – Interstate 83**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the placement and use of a certain number of speed
4 monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; requiring that fines collected
5 by Baltimore City as a result of violations enforced by certain speed monitoring
6 systems be used to assist in covering the cost of roadway improvements on Interstate
7 83 in Baltimore City; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;
8 making a technical correction; and generally relating to speed monitoring systems
9 on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
12 Section 7–302(e)(4)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Transportation
17 Section 21–809(a)(1) and (8), (b)(1)(i) and (viii), and (c)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2020 Replacement Volume)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Article – Transportation
22 Section 21–809(b)(1)(v) through (vii)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2020 Replacement Volume)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7–302.

(e) (4) (i) From the fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems or school bus monitoring cameras, a political subdivision:

1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering the speed monitoring systems or school bus monitoring cameras; and

2. Subject to subparagraphs (ii) [and], (iii), AND (IV) of this paragraph, may spend any remaining balance solely for public safety purposes, including pedestrian safety programs.

(ii) 1. For any fiscal year, if the balance remaining from the fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems, after the costs of implementing and administering the systems are recovered in accordance with subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph, is greater than 10% of the total revenues of the political subdivision for the fiscal year, the political subdivision shall remit any funds that exceed 10% of the total revenues to the Comptroller.

2. The Comptroller shall deposit any money remitted under this subparagraph to the General Fund of the State.

(iii) The fines collected by Prince George’s County as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 shall be remitted to the Comptroller for distribution to the State Highway Administration to be used solely to assist in covering the costs of:

1. Examining the engineering, infrastructure, and other relevant factors that may contribute to safety issues on Maryland Route 210 in Prince George’s County;

2. Reporting its findings and recommendations on any solutions to these safety issues; and

3. Implementing any solutions to these safety issues.

(IV) FROM THE FINES COLLECTED BY BALTIMORE CITY AS A RESULT OF VIOLATIONS ENFORCED BY SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS ON INTERSTATE 83, ANY BALANCE REMAINING AFTER THE ALLOCATION OF FINES UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE REMITTED TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO BE USED SOLELY TO ASSIST IN COVERING THE COST OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON INTERSTATE 83 IN BALTIMORE CITY.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
2 as follows:

3 **Article – Transportation**

4 21–809.

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

6 (8) “Speed monitoring system” means a device with one or more motor
7 vehicle sensors producing recorded images of motor vehicles traveling at speeds at least 12
8 miles per hour above the posted speed limit.

9 (b) (1) (i) A speed monitoring system may not be used in a local jurisdiction
10 under this section unless its use is authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction
11 by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing.

12 (v) An ordinance or resolution adopted by the governing body of a
13 local jurisdiction under this paragraph shall provide that, if the local jurisdiction moves or
14 places a mobile or stationary speed monitoring system to or at a location where a speed
15 monitoring system had not previously been moved or placed, the local jurisdiction may not
16 issue a citation for a violation recorded by that speed monitoring system:

17 1. Until signage is installed in accordance with
18 subparagraph [(vii)] (VIII) of this paragraph; and

19 2. For at least the first 15 calendar days after the signage is
20 installed.

21 (vi) This section applies to a violation of this subtitle recorded by a
22 speed monitoring system that meets the requirements of this subsection and has been
23 placed:

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

28 2. In a school zone with a posted speed limit of at least 20
29 miles per hour; [or]

30 3. In Prince George’s County:

31 A. Subject to subparagraph [(vii)] (VII)1 of this paragraph,
32 on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway); or

1 B. On that part of a highway located within the grounds of
2 an institution of higher education as defined in § 10–101(h) of the Education Article, or
3 within one-half mile of the grounds of a building or property used by the institution of
4 higher education where generally accepted traffic and engineering practices indicate that
5 motor vehicle, pedestrian, or bicycle traffic is substantially generated or influenced by the
6 institution of higher education; **OR**

7 **4. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (VII)² OF THIS**
8 **PARAGRAPH, ON INTERSTATE 83 IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

9 (vii) **1.** Not more than three speed monitoring systems may be
10 placed on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway).

11 **2. NOT MORE THAN TWO SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS**
12 **MAY BE PLACED ON INTERSTATE 83 IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

13 (viii) Before activating a speed monitoring system, the local
14 jurisdiction shall:

15 1. Publish notice of the location of the speed monitoring
16 system on its website and in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction;

17 2. Ensure that each sign that designates a school zone is
18 proximate to a sign that:

19 A. Indicates that speed monitoring systems are in use in the
20 school zone; and

21 B. Is in accordance with the manual for and the specifications
22 for a uniform system of traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration
23 under § 25–104 of this article;

24 3. With regard to a speed monitoring system established on
25 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George’s County or based on
26 proximity to an institution of higher education under subparagraph (vi)³ of this paragraph,
27 ensure that all speed limit signs approaching and within the segment of highway on which
28 the speed monitoring system is located include signs that:

29 A. Are in accordance with the manual and specifications for
30 a uniform system of traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration
31 under § 25–104 of this article; and

32 B. Indicate that a speed monitoring system is in use; and

33 4. With regard to a speed monitoring system placed on
34 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George’s County, ensure that each

1 sign that indicates that a speed monitoring system is in use is proximate to a device that
2 displays a real-time posting of the speed at which a driver is traveling.

3 (c) (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police
4 officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection (f)(4) of this
5 section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is
6 recorded by a speed monitoring system while being operated in violation of this subtitle.

7 (2) A civil penalty under this subsection may not exceed \$40.

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

9 (i) A uniform citation form consistent with subsection (d)(1) of this
10 section and § 7-302 of the Courts Article; and

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

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take
14 effect on October 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and 9 months and
15 at the end of June 30, 2026, Section 1 of this Act, with no further action required by the
16 General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

17 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of
18 Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.