

# HOUSE BILL 552

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By: **Delegate Boyce**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Automated Enforcement Citations and Notices – Mailing**  
3 **Addresses**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that citations and notices issued as a result of automated  
5 enforcement under the Maryland Vehicle Law be sent to certain addresses; and  
6 generally relating to automated enforcement under the Maryland Vehicle Law.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 21–202.1(c) and (e)(1)(i) and (2), 21–704.1(b), (e)(1), and (f)(1)(i) and (2),  
10 21–706.1(c)(1) and (f)(1)(i) and (2), 21–809(b)(1)(i) and (d)(1)(i) and (2)(i),  
11 21–810(b)(1) and (d)(1)(i) and (2), 21–1134(b), (f)(1), and (g)(1)(i) and (2)(i),  
12 21–1414(c)(1), and 24–111.3(b), (c)(1), and (f)(1)(i) and (2)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Transportation

17 Section 21–202.1(e)(6), 21–704.1(f)(5), 21–706.1(f)(6), 21–809(d)(6), 21–810(d)(6),  
18 21–1134(g)(6), and 24–111.3(f)(5)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article – Transportation

23 Section 21–1414(b) and (d)(1)

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

27 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**Article – Transportation**

21–202.1.

(c) This section applies to a violation of § 21–202(h) of this subtitle at an intersection monitored by a traffic control signal monitoring system.

(e) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection, an agency shall mail to the owner liable under subsection (d) of this section a citation which shall include:

(i) The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;

(2) The agency may mail a warning notice in lieu of a citation to the owner liable under subsection (d) of this section.

**(6) TO MAIL THE CITATION OR WARNING NOTICE, AN AGENCY SHALL USE:**

**(I) THE CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION; OR**

**(II) IF A MAILING ADDRESS IS UNAVAILABLE, THE CURRENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.**

21–704.1.

(b) This section applies only in Montgomery County and Prince George’s County.

(e) (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection (h)(5) of this section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is recorded by an automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system during the commission of a violation.

(f) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection, an agency shall mail to the owner liable under subsection (e) of this section a citation that shall include:

(i) The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;

(2) The agency may mail a warning notice in lieu of a citation to the owner liable under subsection (e) of this section.

**(5) TO MAIL THE CITATION OR WARNING NOTICE, AN AGENCY SHALL**

1 USE:

2 (I) THE CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE  
3 ADMINISTRATION; OR

4 (II) IF A MAILING ADDRESS IS UNAVAILABLE, THE CURRENT  
5 RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.

6 21-706.1.

7 (c) (1) A school bus monitoring camera may not be used in a local jurisdiction  
8 under this section unless its use is authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction  
9 by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing.

10 (f) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (5) of this  
11 subsection, a law enforcement agency shall mail to the owner liable under subsection (e) of  
12 this section a citation that shall include:

13 (i) The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;

14 (2) The law enforcement agency may mail a warning notice in place of a  
15 citation to the owner liable under subsection (e) of this section.

16 (6) TO MAIL THE CITATION OR WARNING NOTICE, A LAW  
17 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL USE:

18 (I) THE CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE  
19 ADMINISTRATION; OR

20 (II) IF A MAILING ADDRESS IS UNAVAILABLE, THE CURRENT  
21 RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.

22 21-809.

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

26 (d) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this  
27 subsection, an agency shall mail to an owner liable under subsection (c) of this section a  
28 citation that shall include:

29 (i) The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;

30 (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, an  
31 agency may mail a warning notice instead of a citation to the owner liable under subsection

1 (c) of this section.

2 **(6) TO MAIL THE CITATION OR WARNING NOTICE, AN AGENCY SHALL**  
3 **USE:**

4 **(I) THE CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE**  
5 **ADMINISTRATION; OR**

6 **(II) IF A MAILING ADDRESS IS UNAVAILABLE, THE CURRENT**  
7 **RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.**

8 21–810.

9 (b) (1) A work zone speed control system that meets the requirements of this  
10 subsection may be used to record the images of motor vehicles traveling on a highway:

11 (i) Within a work zone;

12 (ii) That is an expressway or a controlled access highway as defined  
13 in § 21–101 of this title; and

14 (iii) On which the speed limit, established using generally accepted  
15 traffic engineering practices, is 45 miles per hour or greater.

16 (d) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this  
17 subsection, a local police department, State police department, or police department  
18 contractor shall mail to the owner liable under subsection (c) of this section a citation that  
19 shall include:

20 (i) The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;

21 (2) The local police department or State police department may mail a  
22 warning notice instead of a citation to the owner liable under subsection (c) of this section.

23 **(6) TO MAIL THE CITATION OR WARNING NOTICE, A LOCAL POLICE**  
24 **DEPARTMENT, STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT, OR POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
25 **CONTRACTOR SHALL USE:**

26 **(I) THE CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE**  
27 **ADMINISTRATION; OR**

28 **(II) IF A MAILING ADDRESS IS UNAVAILABLE, THE CURRENT**  
29 **RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.**

30 21–1134.

1 (b) This section applies only in Baltimore City.

2 (f) (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police  
3 officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection (i)(5) of this  
4 section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is  
5 recorded by a bus lane monitoring system during the commission of a violation.

6 (g) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (5) of this  
7 subsection, the Baltimore City Police Department or a contractor of the police department  
8 shall mail to the owner liable under subsection (f) of this section a citation that shall  
9 include:

10 (i) The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;

11 (2) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Baltimore  
12 City Police Department may mail a warning notice in place of a citation to the owner liable  
13 under subsection (f) of this section.

14 **(6) TO MAIL THE CITATION OR WARNING NOTICE, THE BALTIMORE**  
15 **CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT OR A CONTRACTOR OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
16 **SHALL USE:**

17 **(I) THE CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE**  
18 **ADMINISTRATION; OR**

19 **(II) IF A MAILING ADDRESS IS UNAVAILABLE, THE CURRENT**  
20 **RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.**

21 21-1414.

22 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, the registered owner  
23 of a motor vehicle shall be liable to the Authority for payment of a video toll as provided for  
24 in the regulations of the Authority.

25 (2) The Authority shall send the registered owner of a motor vehicle that  
26 has incurred a video toll a notice of toll due.

27 (3) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, the person alleged  
28 to be liable who receives a notice of toll due shall have at least 30 days to pay the video toll.

29 **(4) TO MAIL THE NOTICE OF TOLL DUE, THE AUTHORITY SHALL USE:**

30 **(I) THE CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE**  
31 **ADMINISTRATION; OR**

1                   **(II) IF A MAILING ADDRESS IS UNAVAILABLE, THE CURRENT**  
2 **RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.**

3           (c)   (1)   Failure of the person alleged to be liable to pay the video toll under a  
4 notice of toll due by the date stated on the notice shall constitute a toll violation subject to  
5 a civil citation and a civil penalty, which shall be assessed 15 days after the toll violation  
6 occurs, as provided for in the regulations of the Authority.

7           (d)   (1)   **(I)**   The Authority or its duly authorized agent shall send a citation  
8 via first-class mail, no later than 60 days after the toll violation, to the person alleged to  
9 be liable under this section.

10                   **(II) TO MAIL THE CITATION, THE AUTHORITY OR ITS DULY**  
11 **AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL USE:**

12                               **1. THE CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE**  
13 **ADMINISTRATION; OR**

14                               **2. IF A MAILING ADDRESS IS UNAVAILABLE, THE**  
15 **CURRENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.**

16 24-111.3.

17           (b)   This section applies only in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford  
18 County, and Prince George's County.

19           (c)   (1)   A vehicle height monitoring system may be used to record images of  
20 vehicles traveling on a highway in a local jurisdiction under this section only if the use of  
21 vehicle height monitoring systems is authorized by local law adopted by the governing body  
22 of the local jurisdiction after reasonable notice and a public hearing.

23           (f)   (1)   Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a  
24 local government agency or, in Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Department of  
25 Transportation shall mail to an owner liable under this section a citation that shall include:

26                   (i)   The name and address of the registered owner of the motor  
27 vehicle;

28                   (2)   A local government agency or, in Baltimore City, the Baltimore City  
29 Department of Transportation shall, for a first violation, mail a warning notice instead of  
30 a citation to an owner liable under this section.

31                   **(5) TO MAIL THE CITATION OR WARNING NOTICE, A LOCAL**  
32 **GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR, IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE BALTIMORE CITY**  
33 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL USE:**

1                   **(I) THE CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE**  
2 **ADMINISTRATION; OR**

3                   **(II) IF A MAILING ADDRESS IS UNAVAILABLE, THE CURRENT**  
4 **RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2024.