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By: **Delegate Palakovich Carr**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems Pilot Program –**
3 **Inspection and Extension**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that certain provisions of law relating to the inspection of
5 recorded images apply to recorded images produced by a noise abatement monitoring
6 system; extending the reporting and termination dates of the noise abatement
7 monitoring systems pilot programs in Montgomery County and Prince George’s
8 County; and generally relating to the noise abatement monitoring systems pilot
9 programs in Montgomery County and Prince George’s County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – General Provisions
12 Section 4–321
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Chapter 624 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
17 Section 2 and 3

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

3 **Article – General Provisions**

4 4–321.

5 (a) In this section, “recorded images” has the meaning stated in § 21–202.1, §
6 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 22–612**, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article.

7 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a custodian shall deny
8 inspection of recorded images produced by:

9 (1) a traffic control signal monitoring system operated under § 21–202.1 of
10 the Transportation Article;

11 (2) a speed monitoring system operated under § 21–809 of the
12 Transportation Article;

13 (3) a work zone speed control system operated under § 21–810 of the
14 Transportation Article; [or]

15 (4) **A NOISE ABATEMENT MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATED UNDER §**
16 **22–612 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; OR**

17 (5) a vehicle height monitoring system operated under § 24–111.3 of the
18 Transportation Article.

19 (c) A custodian shall allow inspection of recorded images:

20 (1) as required in § 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 22–612**, or § 24–111.3
21 of the Transportation Article;

22 (2) by any person issued a citation under § 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§**
23 **22–612**, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article, or by an attorney of record for the
24 person; or

25 (3) by an employee or agent of an agency in an investigation or a proceeding
26 relating to the imposition of or indemnification from civil liability under § 21–202.1, §
27 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 22–612**, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article.

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

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,
2 [2025] 2027, a county that authorizes a program of noise abatement monitoring systems
3 under this Act shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State
4 Government Article, the General Assembly on:

5 (1) through October 1, [2025] 2027:

6 (i) the time period during which noise abatement monitoring
7 systems were in use in the county; and

8 (ii) the number of warnings and citations issued as a result of
9 violations recorded by noise abatement monitoring systems in the county over the reported
10 time period, by location and date;

11 (2) (i) the costs associated with implementing and operating noise
12 abatement monitoring systems; and

13 (ii) the revenue collected on a monthly basis as a result of violations
14 recorded by noise abatement monitoring systems;

15 (3) appropriate locations for the deployment of noise abatement monitoring
16 systems;

17 (4) the performance and reliability of noise abatement monitoring systems
18 used by the county; and

19 (5) the effectiveness of noise abatement monitoring systems in reducing
20 noise produced by motor vehicles in the county and in areas where the systems were
21 implemented and used.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of [2] 4 years and, at the end of June 30,
24 [2026] 2028, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
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26 Chapter 625 of the Acts of 2024

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19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 20 1, 2025. Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of
 21 June 30, 2028, Section 1 of this Act, with no further action required by the General
 22 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.