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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed
4 monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply statewide; requiring all
5 speed limit signs on certain highways in residential districts to include certain signs;
6 and generally relating to speed monitoring systems in residential districts.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 21–101(a) and (s) and 21–809(a)(1) and (8) and (b)(1)(i)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Transportation

14 Section 21–809(b)(1)(vi) and (viii)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 21–101.

21 (a) In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the meanings
22 indicated.

23 (s) “Residential district” means an area that:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) Is not a business district; and

2 (2) Adjoins and includes a highway where the property along the highway,
3 for a distance of at least 300 feet, is improved mainly with residences or residences and
4 buildings used for business.

5 21–809.

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

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

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

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

16 1. [In Anne Arundel County, Montgomery County, or Prince
17 George’s County, on] **ON** a highway in a residential district, as defined in § 21–101 of this
18 title, with a maximum posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour, which speed limit was
19 established using generally accepted traffic engineering practices;

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

22 3. In Prince George’s County:

23 A. Subject to subparagraph (vii)¹ of this paragraph, on
24 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway); or

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

31 4. Subject to subparagraph (vii)² of this paragraph, on
32 Interstate 83 in Baltimore City;

33 5. In Anne Arundel County, on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup
34 Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel

1 County–Howard County line; or

2 6. Subject to subparagraph (vii)³ of this paragraph, at the
3 intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue in Talbot County.

4 (viii) Before activating a speed monitoring system, the local
5 jurisdiction shall:

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

8 2. Ensure that each sign that designates a school zone is
9 proximate to a sign that:

10 A. Indicates that speed monitoring systems are in use in the
11 school zone; and

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

15 3. With regard to a speed monitoring system established IN
16 **A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (VI)¹ OF THIS PARAGRAPH**, on
17 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George’s County, based on proximity
18 to an institution of higher education under subparagraph (vi)³ of this paragraph, on
19 Interstate 83 in Baltimore City, in Anne Arundel County on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup
20 Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel
21 County–Howard County line, or at the intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road)
22 and Bonfield Avenue in Talbot County, ensure that all speed limit signs approaching and
23 within the segment of highway on which the speed monitoring system is located include
24 signs that:

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

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

29 4. With regard to a speed monitoring system placed on
30 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George’s County, Interstate 83 in
31 Baltimore City, in Anne Arundel County on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road) between
32 the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel County–Howard County
33 line, or at the intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue in
34 Talbot County, ensure that each sign that indicates that a speed monitoring system is in
35 use is proximate to a device that displays a real–time posting of the speed at which a driver
36 is traveling.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2025.