

# HOUSE BILL 1311

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Authorization**

3 **Ho. Co. 9–25**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the authorization to place and use speed monitoring systems  
5 on highways in Howard County; requiring the fines collected by Howard County as  
6 a result of violations enforced by certain speed monitoring systems to be used for  
7 public safety purposes, including pedestrian or highway safety programs, or to fund  
8 deferred maintenance work at Howard County public schools; and generally relating  
9 to the placement and use of a speed monitoring system in Howard County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
12 Section 7–302(e)(4)(i)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
17 Section 7–302(e)(4)(ii)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

20 BY adding to  
21 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
22 Section 7–302(e)(4)(vii)  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
26 Article – Transportation

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 21–809(a)(1) and (8) and (b)(1)(i)  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
5 Article – Transportation  
6 Section 21–809(b)(1)(vi)  
7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
8 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

11 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

12 7–302.

13 (e) (4) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, from the  
14 fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed  
15 monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, stop sign monitoring systems, school  
16 bus monitoring cameras, bus lane monitoring systems, or noise abatement monitoring  
17 systems, a political subdivision:

18 1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering  
19 the speed monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, school bus monitoring  
20 cameras, bus lane monitoring systems, or noise abatement monitoring systems; and

21 2. Subject to subparagraphs (ii), (iii), [and] (iv), AND (VII) of  
22 this paragraph, may spend any remaining balance solely for public safety purposes,  
23 including pedestrian or highway safety programs.

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

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

32 (VII) 1. FROM THE FINES COLLECTED BY HOWARD COUNTY  
33 AS A RESULT OF VIOLATIONS ENFORCED BY SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS PLACED  
34 IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21–809(B)(1)(VI)1, 2, AND 7 OF THE TRANSPORTATION  
35 ARTICLE, ANY BALANCE REMAINING AFTER THE ALLOCATION OF FINES UNDER  
36 SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE USED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

1 PURPOSES, INCLUDING PEDESTRIAN OR HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS, OR TO FUND  
2 DEFERRED MAINTENANCE WORK AT HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

3 2. ANY MONEY USED TO FUND DEFERRED  
4 MAINTENANCE WORK UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL  
5 BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT AND NOT SUPPLANT ANY FUNDS ALLOCATED IN THE  
6 CAPITAL BUDGET OF HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

7 Article – Transportation

8 21–809.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 3. In Prince George’s County:

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

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

