

SENATE BILL 808

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By: **Senator Augustine**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Stop Sign Monitoring Systems – School Bus Stops**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that a political subdivision may recover the cost of
4 implementing and administering a stop sign monitoring system from the fines
5 collected by the political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by the stop sign
6 monitoring system; authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems ~~at~~ within
7 100 feet of school bus stops in Prince George's County, if authorized by local law or,
8 in the case of school bus stops located on State highways, the State Highway
9 Administration; requiring Prince George's County, rather than the State Highway
10 Administration, to place certain signs on State highways in the county, subject to
11 the approval of the Administration; limiting the hours in which a system may be
12 operated; and generally relating to the use of stop sign monitoring systems at school
13 bus stops in Prince George's County.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
16 Section 7–302(e)(4)(i)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
20 Article – Transportation
21 Section 21–707.1(a) and (b)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Transportation
3 Section 21–707.1(c)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

9 7–302.

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

15 1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering
16 the speed monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, STOP SIGN MONITORING
17 SYSTEMS, school bus monitoring cameras, bus lane monitoring systems, or noise
18 abatement monitoring systems; and

19 2. Subject to subparagraphs (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this
20 paragraph, may spend any remaining balance solely for public safety purposes, including
21 pedestrian or highway safety programs.

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 21–707.1.

24 (a) This section applies only in Prince George’s County.

25 (b) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

26 (2) “Agency” means a law enforcement agency that is authorized to issue a
27 citation for a violation of the Maryland Vehicle Law or of local traffic laws or regulations.

28 (3) (i) “Owner” means the registered owner of a motor vehicle or lessee
29 of a motor vehicle under a lease of 6 months or more.

30 (ii) “Owner” does not include:

31 1. A motor vehicle leasing company; or

1 (2) A stop sign monitoring system:

2 (i) May not be used in a local jurisdiction under this section unless
3 its use is authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction by local law enacted
4 after reasonable notice and a public hearing; and

5 (ii) May only be used at a location approved by the Prince George's
6 County Council.

7 (3) The county shall prioritize the placement of stop sign monitoring
8 systems within municipalities that have high violation rates.

9 (4) Before beginning use of stop sign monitoring systems, an agency shall
10 publish notice that the agency has adopted the use of stop sign monitoring systems on its
11 website and in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction in which the stop sign
12 monitoring system will be used.

13 (5) (i) The county shall prominently place signs on highways within the
14 county providing notice that stop sign monitoring systems are used in the county.

15 (ii) ~~The State Highway Administration shall place signs prominently~~
16 ~~providing notice that stop sign monitoring systems are in use on State highways~~ **THE**
17 **COUNTY SHALL OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**
18 **BEFORE PLACING A SIGN ON A STATE HIGHWAY UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.**

19 **(6) A STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEM MAY OPERATE ONLY MONDAY**
20 **THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN 6:00 A.M. AND 8:00 P.M.**

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.