

Chapter 285

(Senate Bill 487)

AN ACT concerning

**Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Safety Corridors
(Vulnerable Road User Protection Act of 2026)**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Highway Administration to implement a program of safety corridor speed monitoring systems for use in areas determined to be of high risk to vulnerable road users; authorizing a local jurisdiction to use speed monitoring systems in safety corridors under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the use of speed monitoring systems in safety corridors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4–401(13), 7–301(a)(1) and (f)(1), 7–302(e)(1), (2), and (3)(i), and 10–311(b) and (h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 7–301(f)(2) and 7–302(e)(4)(i)

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(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions

Section 4–321

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 11–215(e) and 11–318(e)

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(2017 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 12–113.1(b), 12–118(c), 21–809(b)(1)(vi) and (d)(5)(i), 26–305(a), and 26–401

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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 12–113.1(c)(1), 21–101(a), and 21–809(a)(1) and (9) and (b)(1)(i)1. and (v)

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BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 12–118(f), 21–101(t–1), and 21–810.1

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4–401.

Except as provided in § 4–402 of this subtitle, and subject to the venue provisions of Title 6 of this article, the District Court has exclusive original civil jurisdiction in:

(13) A proceeding for a civil infraction under § 21–202.1, § 21–704.1, § 21–706.1, § 21–707.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, § 21–1134, § 22–612, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article or § 10–112 of the Criminal Law Article;

7–301.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the court costs in a traffic case, including parking and impounding cases, cases under § 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, § 21–1414, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article in which costs are imposed, and cases under § 10–112 of the Criminal Law Article in which costs are imposed:

(i) Are \$22.50; and

(ii) Shall also be applicable to those cases in which the defendant elects to waive the defendant’s right to trial and pay the fine or penalty deposit established by the Chief Judge of the District Court by administrative regulation.

(f) (1) This subsection does not apply to a traffic case under § 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, or § 21–1414 of the Transportation Article or to a parking or impounding case.

(2) In a traffic case under subsection (a)(1) of this section the court shall add a \$7.50 surcharge to any fine imposed by the court.

7-302.

(e) (1) (i) A citation issued under § 21-202.1, § 21-706.1, § 21-707.1, § 21-809, § 21-810, **§ 21-810.1**, § 21-1134, § 22-612, or § 24-111.3 of the Transportation Article shall provide that the person receiving the citation may elect to stand trial by notifying the issuing agency of the person's intention to stand trial at least 5 days before the date of payment as set forth in the citation.

(ii) On receipt of the notice to stand trial, the agency shall forward to the District Court having venue a copy of the citation and a copy of the notice from the person who received the citation indicating the person's intention to stand trial.

(iii) On receipt thereof, the District Court shall schedule the case for trial and notify the defendant of the trial date under procedures adopted by the Chief Judge of the District Court.

(2) (i) A citation issued as the result of any of the following systems or cameras controlled by a political subdivision shall provide that, in an uncontested case, the penalty shall be paid directly to that political subdivision:

1. A vehicle height monitoring system;
2. A traffic control signal monitoring system;
3. A speed monitoring system;
4. A work zone speed control system;
5. A stop sign monitoring system;
6. A school bus monitoring camera;
7. A bus lane monitoring system; or
8. A noise abatement monitoring system.

(ii) A citation issued as the result of any of the following systems or cameras controlled by a political subdivision shall provide that, in a contested case, the penalty shall be paid directly to the District Court:

1. A vehicle height monitoring system;
2. A traffic control signal monitoring system;
3. A speed monitoring system;

4. A work zone speed control system;
5. A stop sign monitoring system;
6. A school bus monitoring camera;
7. A bus lane monitoring system; or
8. A noise abatement monitoring system.

(iii) A citation issued as the result of any of the following systems or cameras controlled by a State agency shall provide that, in ~~an uncontested or~~ A contested case, the penalty shall be paid directly to the District Court:

1. A traffic control signal monitoring system;
 2. A work zone speed control system;
 3. **A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM;**
 4. A speed monitoring system; or
- [4.] **5.** A bus lane monitoring system.

(3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph, and paragraph (6) of this subsection, civil penalties resulting from citations issued using a vehicle height monitoring system, traffic control signal monitoring system, speed monitoring system, work zone speed control system, **SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM**, stop sign monitoring system, school bus monitoring camera, bus lane monitoring system, or a noise abatement monitoring system that are collected by the District Court shall be collected in accordance with subsection (a) of this section and distributed in accordance with § 12–118 of the Transportation Article.

(4) (i) Except as provided in paragraphs (5) and (6) of this subsection, from the fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, stop sign monitoring systems, school bus monitoring cameras, bus lane monitoring systems, or noise abatement monitoring systems, a political subdivision:

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

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

10-311.

(b) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a speed monitoring system in accordance with § 21-809 [or], § 21-810, **OR § 21-810.1** of the Transportation Article is admissible in a proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of Title 21, Subtitle 8 of the Transportation Article without authentication.

(h) In any other judicial proceeding, a recorded image produced by a vehicle height monitoring system, traffic control signal monitoring system, speed monitoring system, work zone speed control system, **SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM**, stop sign monitoring system, school bus monitoring camera, or bus lane monitoring system or a recorded image and any relevant recorded audio produced by a noise abatement monitoring system in conjunction with a noise measuring device is admissible as otherwise provided by law.

Article – General Provisions

4-321.

(a) In this section, “recorded image” or “recorded images” has the meaning stated in § 21-202.1, § 21-706.1, § 21-809, § 21-810, **§ 21-810.1**, § 21-1134, § 22-612, or § 24-111.3 of the Transportation Article.

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

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

(2) an automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system operated under § 21-704.1 of the Transportation Article;

(3) a school bus monitoring camera operated under § 21-706.1 of the Transportation Article;

(4) a stop sign monitoring system operated under § 21-707.1 of the Transportation Article;

(5) a speed monitoring system operated under § 21-809 of the Transportation Article;

(6) a work zone speed control system operated under § 21–810 of the Transportation Article;

(7) **A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATED UNDER § 21–810.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;**

(8) a bus lane monitoring system operated under § 21–1134 of the Transportation Article;

~~[(8)]~~ (9) a noise abatement monitoring system operated under § 22–612 of the Transportation Article; or

~~[(9)]~~ (10) a vehicle height monitoring system operated under § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article.

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

(1) as required in § 12–113.1, § 21–202.1, § 21–704.1, § 21–706.1, § 21–707.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, § 21–1134, § 22–612, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article;

(2) by any person issued a citation under § 21–202.1, § 21–704.1, § 21–706.1, § 21–707.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, § 21–1134, § 22–612, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article, or by an attorney of record for the person; or

(3) by an employee or agent of an agency in an investigation or a proceeding relating to the imposition of or indemnification from civil liability under § 21–202.1, § 21–704.1, § 21–706.1, § 21–707.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, § 21–1134, § 22–612, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article.

Article – Insurance

11–215.

(e) For purposes of reclassifying an insured in a classification that entails a higher premium, an insurer under an automobile insurance policy may not consider a probation before judgment disposition of a motor vehicle law offense, a civil penalty imposed pursuant to § 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article, or a first offense of driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more under § 16–205.1 of the Transportation Article on record with the Motor Vehicle Administration, as provided in § 16–117(b) of the Transportation Article.

11–318.

(e) For purposes of reclassifying an insured in a classification that entails a higher premium, an insurer under an automobile insurance policy may not consider a probation before judgment disposition of a motor vehicle law offense, a civil penalty imposed pursuant to § 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article, or a first offense of driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more under § 16–205.1 of the Transportation Article on record with the Motor Vehicle Administration, as provided in § 16–117(b) of the Transportation Article.

Article – Transportation

12–113.1.

(b) This section applies to:

(1) Traffic control signal monitoring systems under § 21–202.1 of this article;

(2) Automated railroad grade crossing enforcement systems under § 21–704.1 of this article;

(3) School bus monitoring cameras under § 21–706.1 of this article;

(4) Stop sign monitoring systems under § 21–707.1 of this article;

(5) Speed monitoring systems under § 21–809 of this article;

(6) Work zone speed control systems under § 21–810 of this article;

(7) **SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS UNDER § 21–810.1 OF THIS ARTICLE;**

(8) Bus lane monitoring systems under § 21–1134 of this article;

~~[(8)]~~ **(9)** Noise abatement monitoring systems under § 22–612 of this article;

~~[(9)]~~ **(10)** Vehicle height monitoring systems under § 24–111.3 of this article; and

~~[(10)]~~ **(11)** Any other automated traffic enforcement system authorized under State law.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, an agency may not access or use a recorded image or associated data without a warrant, subpoena, or court order unless the access or use is for an appropriate traffic enforcement purpose.

12–118.

(c) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)** of this subsection, notwithstanding any other law and in addition to any other exceptions provided by law, all costs, fines, penalties, and forfeitures received by or paid to the District Court under the Maryland Vehicle Law shall be collected and remitted as provided in the Courts Article.

(2) The Comptroller shall distribute revenue from the civil fines collected through use of a work zone speed control system controlled by a State agency under § 21–810 of this article to a special fund, to be used only as provided in subsection (e) of this section.

(3) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE REVENUE FROM THE CIVIL FINES COLLECTED THROUGH THE USE OF A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM CONTROLLED BY A STATE AGENCY UNDER § 21–810.1 OF THIS ARTICLE TO A SPECIAL FUND TO BE USED ONLY AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION.

(F) (1) (I) MONEY IN THE SPECIAL FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED FIRST TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO COVER THE COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING AND ADMINISTERING SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS.

(II) AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE REMAINING BALANCE SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND FOR:

- 1. HIGHWAY SAFETY PURPOSES; AND**
- 2. STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM PRESERVATION.**

(2) MONEY DISTRIBUTED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE USES DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

21–101.

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

(T-1) “SAFETY CORRIDOR” MEANS A SEGMENT OF A HIGHWAY THAT IS IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AS AN AREA OF HIGH RISK TO VULNERABLE ROAD USERS IN A VULNERABLE ROAD USER SAFETY ASSESSMENT PREPARED UNDER 23 U.S.C. § 148.

21-809.

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

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

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

(v) An ordinance or resolution adopted by the governing body of a local jurisdiction under this paragraph shall provide that, if the local jurisdiction moves or places a mobile or stationary speed monitoring system to or at a location where a speed monitoring system had not previously been moved or placed, the local jurisdiction may not issue a citation for a violation recorded by that speed monitoring system:

1. Until signage is installed in accordance with subparagraph (viii) of this paragraph; and

2. For at least the first 15 calendar days after the signage is installed.

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

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

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

3. In Prince George’s County:

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

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

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

5. In Anne Arundel County, on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel County–Howard County line;

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

7. Subject to subparagraph (vii)4 of this paragraph, by the State Highway Administration on Interstate 83 in Baltimore County or on Interstate 695 in Baltimore County;

8. By the Maryland Transportation Authority on Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector) in Montgomery County; [or]

9. Subject to subparagraph (xii) of this paragraph, in Montgomery County on a highway identified in the municipality's, county's, or State's most recent Strategic Highway Safety Plan or Vision Zero Plan as a highway that is at high risk for motor vehicle crashes that result in serious bodily injury or death; **OR**

**10. IN A SAFETY CORRIDOR BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION
ON:**

A. A HIGHWAY UNDER ITS JURISDICTION; OR

B. A STATE HIGHWAY IF AUTHORIZED UNDER A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 21–810.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(d) (5) A person who receives a citation under paragraph (1) of this subsection may:

*(i) Pay the civil penalty, in accordance with instructions on the citation, directly to the political subdivision, the District Court, **THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**, or the Maryland Transportation Authority, as appropriate; or*

21-810.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) (I) "OWNER" MEANS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OR A LESSEE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER A LEASE OF 6 MONTHS OR LONGER.

(II) "OWNER" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

1. A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL OR LEASING COMPANY;
- OR
2. A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 9, PART III OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) "RECORDED IMAGE" MEANS AN IMAGE RECORDED BY A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM:

(I) ON:

1. A PHOTOGRAPH;
2. A MICROPHOTOGRAPH;
3. AN ELECTRONIC IMAGE;
4. VIDEOTAPE; OR
5. ANY OTHER MEDIUM; AND

(II) SHOWING:

1. THE REAR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE;
2. AT LEAST TWO TIME-STAMPED IMAGES OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE THAT INCLUDE THE SAME STATIONARY OBJECT NEAR THE MOTOR VEHICLE; AND

3. ON AT LEAST ONE IMAGE OR PORTION OF TAPE, A CLEAR AND LEGIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF THE ENTIRE REGISTRATION PLATE NUMBER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

(4) “SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM” MEANS A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM AS DEFINED UNDER § 21-809 OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT IS PLACED AND USED IN A SAFETY CORRIDOR.

(5) “SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR” MEANS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR THAT OPERATES A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM.

(6) (I) “VULNERABLE ROAD USER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL ON A HIGHWAY WHO IS NOT TRAVELING IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.

(II) “VULNERABLE ROAD USER” INCLUDES PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, OTHER CYCLISTS, PERSONS USING A PERSONAL CONVEYANCE OR A MOBILITY DEVICE SUCH AS A WHEELCHAIR, AND PERSONS ON FOOT IN A HIGHWAY WORK ZONE.

(B) (1) (I) A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND USED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR TO RECORD THE IMAGES OF MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELING ON A STATE HIGHWAY WITHIN A SAFETY CORRIDOR.

(II) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY ISSUE A PERMIT AUTHORIZING A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT OPERATES ITS OWN PROGRAM OF SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS OR WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS TO PLACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21-809 OF THIS SUBTITLE, SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS ON STATE HIGHWAYS IN SAFETY CORRIDORS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.

(2) (I) A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE USED ONLY IF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, A CONSPICUOUS ROAD SIGN IS PLACED AT A REASONABLE DISTANCE CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL GUIDELINES BEFORE THE SAFETY CORRIDOR ALERTING DRIVERS THAT A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE IN OPERATION IN THE SAFETY CORRIDOR.

(II) A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT IN PERSON OR REMOTELY AT THE

SAFETY CORRIDOR WHEN A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM IS IN USE.

(III) A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE A MOBILE UNIT OR A STATIONARY UNIT.

(3) A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE USED ONLY TO RECORD THE IMAGES OF VEHICLES THAT ARE TRAVELING AT SPEEDS AT LEAST 12 MILES PER HOUR ABOVE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT.

(4) (I) A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM SHALL UNDERGO AN ANNUAL CALIBRATION CHECK PERFORMED BY AN INDEPENDENT CALIBRATION LABORATORY.

(II) THE INDEPENDENT CALIBRATION LABORATORY SHALL ISSUE A SIGNED CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION AFTER THE ANNUAL CALIBRATION CHECK THAT:

1. SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE; AND

2. SHALL BE ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE IN ANY COURT PROCEEDING FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

(5) IF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR MOVES OR PLACES A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM TO OR AT A SAFETY CORRIDOR WHERE A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN MOVED OR PLACED WITHIN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, ~~CITATIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED FOR A VIOLATION RECORDED BY THAT SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM.~~

~~(I) UNTIL SIGNAGE IS INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION; AND~~

~~(II) FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST 15 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE SIGNAGE IS INSTALLED~~ THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAIL A WARNING NOTICE INSTEAD OF A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION RECORDED BY THE SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM DURING THE FIRST 30 DAYS THAT THE SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM IS IN OPERATION.

(6) THE PROCUREMENT OF OR RELATING TO A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(7) THE PLACEMENT OF A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION:

(I) BASED ON AN ANALYSIS USING GENERALLY ACCEPTED TRAFFIC ENGINEERING PRACTICES TO DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION IN A SAFETY CORRIDOR, AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL JURISDICTION; AND

(II) IN A MANNER THAT IS NOT REDUNDANT WITH A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) (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 (F)(4) OF THIS SECTION, THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY IF AN IMAGE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS RECORDED BY A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM WHILE BEING OPERATED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED:

(I) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 12 AND 15, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$40;

(II) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 16 AND 19, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$70;

(III) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 20 AND 29, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$120;

(IV) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 30 AND 39, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$230; AND

(V) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY 40 MILES PER HOUR OR MORE, \$425.

(3) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL:

(I) PRESCRIBE A UNIFORM CITATION FORM CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (D)(1) OF THIS SECTION AND § 7-302 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE; AND

(II) INCLUDE A PLACE ON THE CITATION TO INDICATE THE AMOUNT OF THE CIVIL PENALTY TO BE PAID BY PERSONS WHO CHOOSE TO PREPAY THE CIVIL PENALTY WITHOUT APPEARING IN DISTRICT COURT.

(D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) THROUGH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR SHALL MAIL TO THE OWNER LIABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION A CITATION THAT SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE;

(II) THE REGISTRATION PLATE NUMBER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE INVOLVED IN THE VIOLATION;

(III) THE VIOLATION CHARGED;

(IV) THE LOCATION WHERE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED;

(V) THE DATE AND TIME OF THE VIOLATION;

(VI) AT LEAST ONE RECORDED IMAGE OF THE VEHICLE WITH A DATA BAR IMPRINTED ON THE IMAGE THAT INCLUDES THE SPEED OF THE VEHICLE AND THE DATE AND TIME THE IMAGE WAS RECORDED;

(VII) THE AMOUNT OF THE CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED AND THE DATE BY WHICH THE CIVIL PENALTY MUST BE PAID;

(VIII) A SIGNED STATEMENT UNDER OATH BY AN AUTHORIZED STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE OR CONTRACTOR THAT, BASED ON INSPECTION OF RECORDED IMAGES, THE MOTOR VEHICLE WAS BEING OPERATED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(IX) A STATEMENT THAT RECORDED IMAGES ARE EVIDENCE OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(X) INFORMATION ADVISING THE PERSON ALLEGED TO BE LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION OF THE MANNER AND TIME IN WHICH LIABILITY AS ALLEGED IN THE CITATION MAY BE CONTESTED IN THE DISTRICT COURT; AND

(XI) INFORMATION ADVISING THE PERSON ALLEGED TO BE LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION THAT FAILURE TO PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY OR TO CONTEST LIABILITY IN A TIMELY MANNER:

- 1. IS AN ADMISSION OF LIABILITY;**
- 2. MAY RESULT IN THE REFUSAL TO REGISTER THE MOTOR VEHICLE; AND**
- 3. MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.**

(2) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR MAY MAIL A WARNING NOTICE INSTEAD OF A CITATION TO THE OWNER LIABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F)(4) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR MAY NOT MAIL A CITATION TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT AN OWNER.

(4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F)(4) OF THIS SECTION, A CITATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MAILED NOT LATER THAN 2 WEEKS AFTER THE ALLEGED VIOLATION IF THE VEHICLE IS REGISTERED IN THE STATE, AND NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ALLEGED VIOLATION IF THE VEHICLE IS REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE.

(5) A PERSON WHO RECEIVES A CITATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY:

(I) PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CITATION; OR

(II) ELECT TO STAND TRIAL IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.

(6) TO MAIL THE CITATION OR WARNING NOTICE, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR 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.

(E) (1) A CERTIFICATE ALLEGING THAT THE VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE OCCURRED AND THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION HAVE BEEN SATISFIED, SWORN TO OR AFFIRMED BY AN AUTHORIZED STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE OR CONTRACTOR, BASED ON INSPECTION OF RECORDED IMAGES PRODUCED BY A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM, SHALL BE EVIDENCE OF THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE CERTIFICATE AND SHALL BE ADMISSIBLE IN A PROCEEDING ALLEGING A VIOLATION UNDER THIS SECTION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OR TESTIMONY OF THE SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR.

(2) IF A PERSON WHO RECEIVED A CITATION UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION DESIRES THE SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR TO BE PRESENT AND TESTIFY AT TRIAL, THE PERSON SHALL NOTIFY THE DISTRICT COURT AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR THAT ISSUED THE CITATION IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN 20 DAYS BEFORE TRIAL.

(3) ADJUDICATION OF LIABILITY SHALL BE BASED ON A PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE.

(F) (1) THE DISTRICT COURT MAY CONSIDER IN DEFENSE OF A VIOLATION:

(I) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR THE REGISTRATION PLATES OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE WERE STOLEN BEFORE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED AND WERE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OR POSSESSION OF THE VEHICLE OWNER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION;

(II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION WAS NOT OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION; AND

(III) ANY OTHER ISSUES AND EVIDENCE THAT THE DISTRICT COURT DEEMS PERTINENT.

(2) TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR THE REGISTRATION PLATES WERE STOLEN BEFORE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED AND

WERE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OR POSSESSION OF THE OWNER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION, THE OWNER SHALL SUBMIT PROOF THAT A POLICE REPORT REGARDING THE STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE OR REGISTRATION PLATES WAS FILED IN A TIMELY MANNER.

(3) TO SATISFY THE EVIDENTIARY BURDEN UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DISTRICT COURT A LETTER, SWORN TO OR AFFIRMED BY THE PERSON AND MAILED BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, THAT:

(I) STATES THAT THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION WAS NOT OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION; AND

(II) INCLUDES ANY OTHER CORROBORATING EVIDENCE.

(4) (I) IF THE DISTRICT COURT FINDS THAT THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION WAS NOT OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION OR RECEIVES EVIDENCE UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION IDENTIFYING THE PERSON DRIVING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION, THE CLERK OF THE COURT MAY PROVIDE TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE OR THE CONTRACTOR THAT ISSUED THE CITATION A COPY OF ANY EVIDENCE SUBSTANTIATING WHO WAS OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION.

(II) ON RECEIPT OF SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE FROM THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE OR THE CONTRACTOR THAT ISSUED THE CITATION MAY ISSUE A CITATION AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION TO THE PERSON WHO THE EVIDENCE INDICATES WAS OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION.

(III) ANY CITATION ISSUED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE MAILED NOT LATER THAN 2 WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE EVIDENCE FROM THE DISTRICT COURT.

(G) IF A PERSON LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY OR CONTEST THE VIOLATION, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY:

(1) ~~REFUSE~~ REFUSE TO REGISTER OR REREGISTER THE MOTOR VEHICLE CITED FOR THE VIOLATION; ~~OR~~

~~(2) SUSPEND THE REGISTRATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE CITED FOR THE VIOLATION.~~

(H) A VIOLATION FOR WHICH A CIVIL PENALTY IS IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) IS NOT A MOVING VIOLATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING POINTS UNDER § 16-402 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(2) MAY NOT BE RECORDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE DRIVING RECORD OF THE OWNER OR DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE;

(3) MAY BE TREATED AS A PARKING VIOLATION FOR PURPOSES OF § 26-305 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(4) MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED IN THE PROVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE COVERAGE.

(I) (1) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS, THE TRIAL OF CIVIL VIOLATIONS, AND THE COLLECTION OF CIVIL PENALTIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

(2) THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE, PROCESSING, AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDED IMAGES AND ASSOCIATED DATA ESTABLISHED UNDER § 12-113.1 OF THIS ARTICLE APPLY TO CITATIONS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(J) (1) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR A CONTRACTOR DESIGNATED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER AND PROCESS CIVIL CITATIONS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION IN COORDINATION WITH THE DISTRICT COURT.

(2) IF A CONTRACTOR PROVIDES, DEPLOYS, OR OPERATES A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, THE CONTRACTOR'S FEE MAY NOT BE CONTINGENT ON THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED OR PAID.

(K) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS.

26-305.

(a) The Administration may not register or transfer the registration of any vehicle involved in a parking violation under this subtitle, a violation under any federal parking regulation that applies to property in this State under the jurisdiction of the U.S. government, a violation of § 21–202(h) of this article as determined under § 21–202.1 of this article or Title 21, Subtitle 8 of this article as determined under § 21–809 [or], § 21–810, **OR § 21–810.1** of this article, or a violation of the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law under § 10–110 of the Criminal Law Article or a local law or ordinance adopted by Baltimore City relating to the unlawful disposal of litter as determined under § 10–112 of the Criminal Law Article, if:

(1) It is notified by a political subdivision or authorized State agency that the person cited for the violation under this subtitle, § 21–202.1, § 21–809, [or] § 21–810, **OR § 21–810.1** of this article, or § 10–110 or § 10–112 of the Criminal Law Article has failed to either:

(i) Pay the fine for the violation by the date specified in the citation;
or

(ii) File a notice of his intention to stand trial for the violation;

(2) It is notified by the District Court that a person who has elected to stand trial for the violation under this subtitle, under § 21–202.1, § 21–809, [or] § 21–810, **OR § 21–810.1** of this article, or under § 10–110 or § 10–112 of the Criminal Law Article has failed to appear for trial; or

(3) It is notified by a U.S. District Court that a person cited for a violation under a federal parking regulation:

(i) Has failed to pay the fine for the violation by the date specified in the federal citation; or

(ii) Either has failed to file a notice of the person’s intention to stand trial for the violation, or, if electing to stand trial, has failed to appear for trial.

26–401.

If a person is taken before a District Court commissioner or is given a traffic citation or a civil citation under § 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, § 21–1414, or § 24–111.3 of this article containing a notice to appear in court, the commissioner or court shall be one that sits within the county in which the offense allegedly was committed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, April 28, 2026.