

HOUSE BILL 1408

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By: **Delegate Guyton**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Automated Traffic Enforcement Systems – Impoundment**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a law enforcement agency to impound a motor vehicle to
4 which a certain number of certain unpaid and overdue civil citations issued through
5 the use of an automated traffic enforcement system apply; and generally relating to
6 automated traffic enforcement systems.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 25–103

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Transportation

14 Section 25–103

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

19 Article – Transportation

20 Section 25–103

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

23 (As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

25 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

26 **Article – Transportation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **25-103.**

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM"
3 MEANS:

4 (1) A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM UNDER §
5 21-202.1 OF THIS ARTICLE;

6 (2) AN AUTOMATED RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING ENFORCEMENT
7 SYSTEM UNDER § 21-704.1 OF THIS ARTICLE;

8 (3) A SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERA UNDER § 21-706.1 OF THIS
9 ARTICLE;

10 (4) A STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEM UNDER § 21-707.1 OF THIS
11 ARTICLE;

12 (5) A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM UNDER § 21-809 OF THIS ARTICLE;

13 (6) A WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEM UNDER § 21-810 OF THIS
14 ARTICLE;

15 (7) A BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEM UNDER § 21-1134 OF THIS
16 ARTICLE;

17 (8) A NOISE ABATEMENT MONITORING SYSTEM UNDER § 22-612 OF
18 THIS ARTICLE;

19 (9) A VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEM UNDER § 24-111.3 OF
20 THIS ARTICLE; AND

21 (10) ANY OTHER AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM
22 AUTHORIZED UNDER STATE LAW.

23 (B) (1) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY IMPOUND A MOTOR VEHICLE
24 FOR WHICH THREE OR MORE CITATIONS FROM AN AUTOMATED TRAFFIC
25 ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM HAVE BEEN ISSUED IF THE CITATIONS ARE UNPAID AND
26 OVERDUE BY AT LEAST 30 DAYS.

27 (2) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY IMPOUND A MOTOR VEHICLE
28 UNDER THIS SECTION ONLY:

1 **(I) AS A SECONDARY ACTION WHEN A LAW ENFORCEMENT**
2 **OFFICER DETAINS THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FOR A SUSPECTED**
3 **VIOLATION OF ANOTHER PROVISION OF THE CODE; OR**

4 **(II) WHEN THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS PARKED.**

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

7 **Article – Transportation**

8 25–103.

9 (a) In this section, “automated traffic enforcement system” means:

10 (1) A traffic control signal monitoring system under § 21–202.1 of this
11 article;

12 (2) An automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system under §
13 21–704.1 of this article;

14 (3) A school bus monitoring camera under § 21–706.1 of this article;

15 (4) A stop sign monitoring system under § 21–707.1 of this article;

16 (5) A speed monitoring system under § 21–809 of this article;

17 (6) A work zone speed control system under § 21–810 of this article;

18 (7) A bus lane monitoring system under § 21–1134 of this article;

19 (8) [A noise abatement monitoring system under § 22–612 of this article;

20 (9)] A vehicle height monitoring system under § 24–111.3 of this article; and

21 [(10)] **(9)** Any other automated traffic enforcement system authorized
22 under State law.

23 (b) (1) A law enforcement agency may impound a motor vehicle for which three
24 or more citations from an automated traffic enforcement system have been issued if the
25 citations are unpaid and overdue by at least 30 days.

26 (2) A law enforcement agency may impound a motor vehicle under this
27 section only:

28 (i) As a secondary action when a law enforcement officer detains the

1 driver of the motor vehicle for a suspected violation of another provision of the Code; or

2 (ii) When the motor vehicle is parked.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
4 as follows:

5 **Article – Transportation**

6 25–103.

7 (a) In this section, “automated traffic enforcement system” means:

8 (1) A traffic control signal monitoring system under § 21–202.1 of this
9 article;

10 (2) An automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system under §
11 21–704.1 of this article;

12 (3) A school bus monitoring camera under § 21–706.1 of this article;

13 (4) [A stop sign monitoring system under § 21–707.1 of this article;

14 (5)] A speed monitoring system under § 21–809 of this article;

15 [(6)] (5) A work zone speed control system under § 21–810 of this article;

16 [(7)] (6) A bus lane monitoring system under § 21–1134 of this article;

17 [(8)] (7) A noise abatement monitoring system under § 22–612 of this
18 article;

19 [(9)] (8) A vehicle height monitoring system under § 24–111.3 of this
20 article; and

21 [(10)] (9) Any other automated traffic enforcement system authorized
22 under State law.

23 (b) (1) A law enforcement agency may impound a motor vehicle for which three
24 or more citations from an automated traffic enforcement system have been issued if the
25 citations are unpaid and overdue by at least 30 days.

26 (2) A law enforcement agency may impound a motor vehicle under this
27 section only:

1 (i) As a secondary action when a law enforcement officer detains the
2 driver of the motor vehicle for a suspected violation of another provision of the Code; or

3 (ii) When the motor vehicle is parked.

4 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take
5 effect July 1, 2028, the termination date of Chapter 625 of the Acts of the General Assembly
6 of 2024, as amended by Chapter 712 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2025. If the
7 termination date of Chapter 625 is amended, this Act shall take effect on the termination
8 of Chapter 625. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination
9 provision.

10 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take
11 effect July 1, 2029, the termination date of Chapter 678 of the Acts of the General Assembly
12 of 2024. If the termination date of Chapter 678 is amended, this Act shall take effect on the
13 termination of Chapter 678. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that
14 termination provision.

15 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
16 Sections 4 and 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.