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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Traffic Control Signal Monitoring and Speed Monitoring Systems – Exemptions**
3 **From Liability – Vehicle Rental Companies**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the exemptions for a motor vehicle that is owned by a motor
5 vehicle rental or leasing company or that displays certain registration plates from
6 liability for citations produced as a result of images recorded by a traffic control
7 signal monitoring system or a speed monitoring system; and generally relating to
8 exemptions from liability under traffic control signal monitoring and speed
9 monitoring programs.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 21–202.1(a)(1) and (5), (c), and (d)(1) and 21–809(a)(1) and (9) and (b)(1)(i)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Transportation
17 Section 21–202.1(a)(3) and 21–809(a)(4)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

22 21–202.1.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) [(i)] “Owner” means the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a
2 lessee of a motor vehicle [under a lease of 6 months or more].

3 [(ii)] “Owner” does not include a motor vehicle rental or leasing
4 company or a holder of a special registration plate issued under Title 13, Subtitle 9, Part
5 III of this article.]

6 (5) “Traffic control signal monitoring system” means a device with one or
7 more motor vehicle sensors working in conjunction with a traffic control signal to produce
8 recorded images of motor vehicles entering an intersection against a red signal indication.

9 (c) This section applies to a violation of § 21–202(h) of this subtitle at an
10 intersection monitored by a traffic control signal monitoring system.

11 (d) (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police
12 officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection (g)(5) of this
13 section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is
14 recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system while being operated in violation of
15 § 21–202(h) of this subtitle.

16 21–809.

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

18 (4) [(i)] “Owner” means the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a
19 lessee of a motor vehicle [under a lease of 6 months or more].

20 [(ii)] “Owner” does not include:

21 1. A motor vehicle rental or leasing company; or

22 2. A holder of a special registration plate issued under Title
23 13, Subtitle 9, Part III of this article.]

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

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

30 2. The State Highway Administration may use speed
31 monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore County and Interstate 695 in Baltimore
32 County in accordance with this section.

