

HOUSE BILL 1614

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transportation Authority – ~~Use of Lane Direction~~ Lane Use Control**
3 **Signal Monitoring Systems**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Transportation Authority ~~Police Force~~ to use
5 lane ~~direction use~~ control signal monitoring systems on ~~the Chesapeake Bay Bridge~~
6 a highway under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority to
7 enforce motor vehicle offenses for entering or traveling in a lane over which a red
8 lane ~~direction use~~ control signal is shown; requiring the District Court to remit to
9 the Maryland Transportation Authority any civil penalties collected by the Court
10 resulting from a citation issued using a lane ~~direction use~~ control signal monitoring
11 system operated by the Authority; ~~requiring the State Highway Administration to~~
12 ~~provide the Authority with access to certain contacts and processes~~; and generally
13 relating to the use of lane ~~direction use~~ control signal monitoring systems by the
14 Maryland Transportation Authority.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
17 Section 7–301(a)(1) and (2), 7–302(e)(2)(iii) and (3)(iii), and 10–311
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
21 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

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 Section 7–302(a)
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 5 Article – General Provisions
 6 Section 4–321
 7 Annotated Code of Maryland
 8 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 10 Article – Insurance
 11 Section 11–215(e) and 11–318(e)
 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
 13 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 15 Article – Transportation
 16 Section 12–113.1(b), 21–204.1, 26–305(a), and 26–401
 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
 18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 20 Article – Transportation
 21 Section 12–113.1(c)(1), ~~21–204.1~~, and 21–1401(a) ~~and~~, (b), and (c)
 22 Annotated Code of Maryland
 23 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 24 BY adding to
 25 Article – Transportation
 26 Section 21–1404.1
 27 Annotated Code of Maryland
 28 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 29 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 30 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 31 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**
- 32 7–301.
- 33 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the
 34 court costs in a traffic case, including parking and impounding cases, cases under §
 35 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–1404.1**, § 21–1414, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation
 36 Article in which costs are imposed, and cases under § 10–112 of the Criminal Law Article
 37 in which costs are imposed:

1 (i) Are \$22.50; and

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

5 (2) In an uncontested case under § 21-202.1, § 21-809, § 21-810, §
6 **21-1404.1**, § 21-1414, or § 24-111.3 of the Transportation Article, an uncontested case
7 under § 10-112 of the Criminal Law Article, or an uncontested parking or impounding case
8 in which the fines are paid directly to a political subdivision or municipality, costs are \$2.00,
9 which costs shall be paid to and retained by the political subdivision or municipality.

10 7-302.

11 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) through (g) of this section, the clerks of
12 the District Court shall:

13 (1) Collect costs, fines, forfeitures, or penalties imposed by the court; and

14 (2) Remit them to the State under a system agreed upon by the Chief Judge
15 of the District Court and the Comptroller.

16 (e) (2) (iii) A citation issued as the result of any of the following systems or
17 cameras controlled by a State agency shall provide that, in an uncontested or contested
18 case, the penalty shall be paid directly to the District Court:

19 1. A traffic control signal monitoring system;

20 2. A work zone speed control system;

21 3. A speed monitoring system; [or]

22 4. A bus lane monitoring system; **OR**

23 **5. A LANE ~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL**
24 **MONITORING SYSTEM.**

25 (3) (iii) Civil penalties resulting from citations issued using a speed
26 monitoring system **OR A LANE ~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING**
27 **SYSTEM** controlled by the Maryland Transportation Authority that are collected by the
28 District Court shall be collected in accordance with subsection (a) of this section and
29 remitted to the Maryland Transportation Authority.

30 10-311.

1 (a) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a traffic control signal
2 monitoring system in accordance with § 21–202.1 of the Transportation Article is
3 admissible in a proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a
4 violation of § 21–202(h) of the Transportation Article without authentication.

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

9 (c) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a school bus monitoring
10 camera in accordance with § 21–706.1 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a
11 proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 21–706
12 of the Transportation Article without authentication.

13 (d) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a vehicle height monitoring
14 system in accordance with § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a
15 proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of a State or
16 local law restricting the presence of certain vehicles during certain times without
17 authentication.

18 (e) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a bus lane monitoring system
19 in accordance with § 21–1134 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a proceeding
20 concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 21–1133 of the
21 Transportation Article without authentication.

22 (f) A recorded image of a motor vehicle and any relevant recorded audio produced
23 by a noise abatement monitoring system in conjunction with a noise measuring device in
24 accordance with § 22–612 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a proceeding
25 concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 22–602 of the
26 Transportation Article without authentication.

27 (g) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a stop sign monitoring system
28 in accordance with § 21–707.1 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a proceeding
29 concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 21–707 of the
30 Transportation Article without authentication.

31 (h) **A RECORDED IMAGE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCED BY A LANE**
32 **~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
33 **21–1404.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE IS ADMISSIBLE IN A PROCEEDING**
34 **CONCERNING A CIVIL CITATION ISSUED UNDER THAT SECTION FOR A VIOLATION OF**
35 **§ 21–204.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE WITHOUT AUTHENTICATION.**

36 (I) In any other judicial proceeding, a recorded image produced by a vehicle
37 height monitoring system, traffic control signal monitoring system, speed monitoring
38 system, work zone speed control system, stop sign monitoring system, school bus

1 monitoring camera, or bus lane monitoring system or a recorded image and any relevant
2 recorded audio produced by a noise abatement monitoring system in conjunction with a
3 noise measuring device is admissible as otherwise provided by law.

4 Article – General Provisions

5 4–321.

6 (a) In this section, “recorded image” or “recorded images” has the meaning stated
7 in § 21–202.1, § 21–706.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, § 21–1134, **§ 21–1404.1**, § 22–612, or §
8 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (8) **A LANE ~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM**
26 **OPERATED UNDER § 21–1404.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;**

27 (9) a noise abatement monitoring system operated under § 22–612 of the
28 Transportation Article; or

29 **[(9)] (10)** a vehicle height monitoring system operated under § 24–111.3 of
30 the Transportation Article.

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

1 (1) as required in § 12–113.1, § 21–202.1, § 21–704.1, § 21–706.1, §
2 21–707.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, § 21–1134, **§ 21–1404.1**, § 22–612, or § 24–111.3 of the
3 Transportation Article;

4 (2) by any person issued a citation under § 21–202.1, § 21–704.1, §
5 21–706.1, § 21–707.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, § 21–1134, **§ 21–1404.1**, § 22–612, or § 24–111.3
6 of the Transportation Article, or by an attorney of record for the person; or

7 (3) by an employee or agent of an agency in an investigation or a proceeding
8 relating to the imposition of or indemnification from civil liability under § 21–202.1, §
9 21–704.1, § 21–706.1, § 21–707.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, § 21–1134, **§ 21–1404.1**, § 22–612,
10 or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article.

11 Article – Insurance

12 11–215.

13 (e) For purposes of reclassifying an insured in a classification that entails a
14 higher premium, an insurer under an automobile insurance policy may not consider a
15 probation before judgment disposition of a motor vehicle law offense, a civil penalty imposed
16 pursuant to § 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–1404.1**, or § 24–111.3 of the
17 Transportation Article, or a first offense of driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or
18 more under § 16–205.1 of the Transportation Article on record with the Motor Vehicle
19 Administration, as provided in § 16–117(b) of the Transportation Article.

20 11–318.

21 (e) For purposes of reclassifying an insured in a classification that entails a
22 higher premium, an insurer under an automobile insurance policy may not consider a
23 probation before judgment disposition of a motor vehicle law offense, a civil penalty imposed
24 pursuant to § 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–1404.1**, or § 24–111.3 of the
25 Transportation Article, or a first offense of driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or
26 more under § 16–205.1 of the Transportation Article on record with the Motor Vehicle
27 Administration, as provided in § 16–117(b) of the Transportation Article.

28 Article – Transportation

29 12–113.1.

30 (b) This section applies to:

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

33 (2) Automated railroad grade crossing enforcement systems under §
34 21–704.1 of this article;

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

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

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

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

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

6 (8) **LANE ~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS**
7 **UNDER § 21–1404.1 OF THIS ARTICLE;**

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

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

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

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

17 21–204.1.

18 Where lane ~~direction~~ **USE** control signals are placed over the individual lanes of a
19 highway, vehicular traffic may travel in any lane over which a green signal is shown, but
20 may not enter or travel in any lane over which a red signal is shown.

21 21–1401.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) “Approach” means any roadway, overhead structure, ramp, bridge, causeway,
24 entrance, and exit provided as a means of access to or departure from an Authority
25 highway.

26 (c) “Authority highway” means:

27 (1) Each highway, tunnel, and bridge within the jurisdiction of the
28 Maryland Transportation Authority; and

1 4. VIDEOTAPE; OR

2 5. ANY OTHER MEDIUM; AND

3 (II) SHOWING:

4 1. THE REAR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE; AND

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

8 ~~(7)~~ (6) "VIOLATION" MEANS A VIOLATION OF § 21-204.1 OF THIS
9 TITLE FOR ENTERING OR TRAVELING IN A LANE OVER WHICH A RED LANE
10 ~~DIRECTION USE~~ CONTROL SIGNAL IS SHOWN.

11 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO ~~THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE AN~~
12 AUTHORITY HIGHWAY.

13 (C) (1) THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ~~POLICE FORCE~~
14 MAY USE A LANE ~~DIRECTION USE~~ CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM THAT
15 MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION TO RECORD THE IMAGES OF
16 MOTOR VEHICLES BEING USED IN THE COMMISSION OF A VIOLATION.

17 (2) (I) A LANE ~~DIRECTION USE~~ CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING
18 SYSTEM MAY BE USED ONLY IF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND MANUAL ON
19 UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, A CONSPICUOUS ROAD SIGN IS PLACED AT
20 A REASONABLE DISTANCE CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL GUIDELINES BEFORE THE
21 LANE ~~DIRECTION USE~~ CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM ALERTING DRIVERS
22 THAT A LANE ~~DIRECTION USE~~ CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE IN
23 OPERATION ON ~~THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE AN~~ AUTHORITY HIGHWAY.

24 (II) BEFORE ACTIVATING A LANE ~~DIRECTION USE~~ CONTROL
25 SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM, THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
26 SHALL PROMINENTLY PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND USE OF THE
27 LANE ~~DIRECTION USE~~ CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM ON ITS WEBSITE.

28 (III) MULTIPLE LANE ~~DIRECTION USE~~ CONTROL SIGNAL
29 MONITORING SYSTEMS MAY BE IMPLEMENTED AND USED AT THE SAME TIME IN THE
30 SAME DIRECTION ON ~~THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE AN~~ AUTHORITY HIGHWAY.

1 **(3) (I) A LANE ~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING**
2 **SYSTEM OPERATOR SHALL COMPLETE TRAINING BY THE MANUFACTURER OF THE**
3 **LANE ~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM IN THE PROCEDURES**
4 **FOR SETTING UP, TESTING, AND OPERATING LANE ~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL**
5 **MONITORING SYSTEMS.**

6 **(II) ON COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING, THE MANUFACTURER**
7 **SHALL ISSUE A SIGNED CERTIFICATE TO THE LANE ~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL**
8 **SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR.**

9 **(III) THE CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING SHALL BE ADMITTED AS**
10 **EVIDENCE IN ANY COURT PROCEEDING FOR A VIOLATION.**

11 **(4) A LANE ~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM**
12 **OPERATOR SHALL FILL OUT AND SIGN A DAILY SET-UP LOG FOR A LANE ~~DIRECTION~~**
13 **USE CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM THAT:**

14 **(I) STATES THE DATE AND TIME WHEN AND THE LOCATION**
15 **WHERE THE LANE ~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM WAS SET**
16 **UP;**

17 **~~(II) STATES THAT THE LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL~~**
18 **~~MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED, AND THE DEVICE~~**
19 **~~PASSED, THE MANUFACTURER SPECIFIED SELF TESTS OF THE LANE DIRECTION~~**
20 **~~CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM BEFORE PRODUCING A RECORDED IMAGE;~~**

21 **~~(III)~~ SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE; AND**

22 **~~(IV)~~ (III) SHALL BE ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE IN ANY COURT**
23 **PROCEEDING FOR A VIOLATION.**

24 **~~(5) (I) A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM~~**
25 **~~SHALL UNDERGO AN ANNUAL CALIBRATION CHECK PERFORMED BY AN~~**
26 **~~INDEPENDENT CALIBRATION LABORATORY.~~**

27 **~~(II) THE INDEPENDENT CALIBRATION LABORATORY SHALL~~**
28 **~~ISSUE A SIGNED CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION AFTER THE ANNUAL CALIBRATION~~**
29 **~~CHECK THAT:~~**

30 **~~1. SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE; AND~~**

31 **~~2. SHALL BE ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE IN ANY COURT~~**
32 **~~PROCEEDING FOR A VIOLATION.~~**

1 (D) (1) UNLESS THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE RECEIVED A
2 CITATION FROM A MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE OFFICER OR
3 ANOTHER POLICE OFFICER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION, THE OWNER OR, IN
4 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (G)(4) OF THIS SECTION, THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR
5 VEHICLE IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY IF AN IMAGE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS
6 RECORDED BY A LANE ~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM IN
7 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION BEING USED IN THE
8 COMMISSION OF A VIOLATION.

9 (2) A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS:

10 (I) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION OCCURRING ON A SINGLE TRIP
11 TRAVELING IN ONE DIRECTION, \$90;

12 (II) FOR A SECOND VIOLATION OCCURRING ON THE SAME TRIP
13 WHILE TRAVELING IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS THE FIRST VIOLATION, \$180; AND

14 (III) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OCCURRING ON
15 THE SAME TRIP WHILE TRAVELING IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS THE SECOND, THIRD,
16 OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, \$270.

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

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

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

23 (E) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) THROUGH (5) OF THIS
24 SUBSECTION, THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ~~POLICE FORCE~~ OR
25 ITS CONTRACTOR SHALL MAIL TO THE OWNER ALLEGED TO BE LIABLE UNDER
26 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION A CITATION THAT SHALL INCLUDE:

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

29 (II) THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE
30 INVOLVED IN THE ALLEGED VIOLATION;

31 (III) THE VIOLATION CHARGED;

1 (IV) THE LOCATION WHERE THE ALLEGED VIOLATION
2 OCCURRED;

3 (V) THE DATE AND TIME OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION;

4 (VI) AT LEAST ONE RECORDED IMAGE OF THE VEHICLE WITH A
5 DATA BAR IMPRINTED ON EACH IMAGE THAT SHOWS THE MOTOR VEHICLE BEING
6 USED IN THE COMMISSION OF A VIOLATION AND THE DATE AND TIME THE IMAGE WAS
7 RECORDED;

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

10 (VIII) A SIGNED STATEMENT BY A MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION
11 AUTHORITY ~~POLICE OFFICER~~ REPRESENTATIVE OR CONTRACTOR THAT, BASED ON
12 INSPECTION OF RECORDED IMAGES, THE MOTOR VEHICLE WAS BEING USED IN THE
13 COMMISSION OF A VIOLATION;

14 (IX) A STATEMENT THAT RECORDED IMAGES ARE EVIDENCE OF
15 A VIOLATION;

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

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

22 1. IS AN ADMISSION OF LIABILITY;

23 2. MAY RESULT IN THE REFUSAL TO REGISTER THE
24 MOTOR VEHICLE; AND

25 3. MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF THE MOTOR
26 VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

27 (2) THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ~~POLICE FORCE~~
28 OR ITS CONTRACTOR MAY MAIL A WARNING NOTICE INSTEAD OF A CITATION TO AN
29 OWNER ALLEGED TO BE LIABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

1 **(3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (G)(4) OF THIS SECTION,**
2 **THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ~~POLICE FORCE~~ OR ITS**
3 **CONTRACTOR MAY NOT MAIL A CITATION TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT AN OWNER.**

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

9 **(5) TO MAIL THE CITATION OR WARNING NOTICE, THE MARYLAND**
10 **TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ~~POLICE FORCE~~ OR ITS CONTRACTOR SHALL USE:**

11 **(I) THE CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE**
12 **ADMINISTRATION; OR**

13 **(II) IF A MAILING ADDRESS IS UNAVAILABLE, THE CURRENT**
14 **RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.**

15 **(6) A PERSON WHO RECEIVES A CITATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**
16 **THIS SUBSECTION MAY:**

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

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

21 **(F) (1) A CERTIFICATE ALLEGING THAT THE VIOLATION OF THIS**
22 **SUBTITLE OCCURRED AND THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS**
23 **SECTION HAVE BEEN SATISFIED, SWORN TO, OR AFFIRMED BY A MARYLAND**
24 **TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ~~POLICE OFFICER~~ REPRESENTATIVE OR**
25 **CONTRACTOR, BASED ON INSPECTION OF RECORDED IMAGES PRODUCED BY A LANE**
26 **~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM, SHALL BE EVIDENCE OF**
27 **THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE CERTIFICATE AND SHALL BE ADMISSIBLE IN A**
28 **PROCEEDING ALLEGING A VIOLATION UNDER THIS SECTION WITHOUT THE**
29 **PRESENCE OR TESTIMONY OF THE LANE ~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL**
30 **MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR WHO PERFORMED THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER**
31 **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

32 **(2) IF A PERSON WHO RECEIVED A CITATION UNDER SUBSECTION (E)**
33 **OF THIS SECTION DESIRES A LANE ~~DIRECTION~~ USE CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING**
34 **SYSTEM OPERATOR TO BE PRESENT AND TESTIFY AT TRIAL, THE PERSON SHALL**

1 NOTIFY THE COURT AND THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ~~POLICE~~
2 ~~FORCE~~ IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN 20 DAYS BEFORE TRIAL.

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

5 (G) (1) THE DISTRICT COURT MAY CONSIDER IN DEFENSE OF A
6 VIOLATION:

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

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

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

16 (2) TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR THE
17 REGISTRATION PLATES WERE STOLEN BEFORE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED AND
18 WERE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OR POSSESSION OF THE OWNER AT THE TIME OF
19 THE VIOLATION, THE OWNER SHALL SUBMIT PROOF THAT A POLICE REPORT
20 REGARDING THE STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE OR REGISTRATION PLATES WAS FILED IN
21 A TIMELY MANNER.

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

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

28 (II) INCLUDES ANY OTHER CORROBORATING EVIDENCE.

29 (4) (I) IF THE DISTRICT COURT FINDS THAT THE PERSON NAMED
30 IN THE CITATION WAS NOT OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE
31 VIOLATION OR RECEIVES EVIDENCE UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION
32 IDENTIFYING THE PERSON ~~DRIVING~~ OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE
33 VIOLATION, THE CLERK OF THE COURT MAY PROVIDE TO THE MARYLAND

1 ~~TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE~~ A COPY OF ANY EVIDENCE
2 SUBSTANTIATING WHO WAS OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE
3 VIOLATION.

4 (II) ON RECEIPT OF SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE FROM THE
5 DISTRICT COURT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE MARYLAND
6 ~~TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE~~ MAY ISSUE A CITATION AS
7 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION TO THE PERSON WHO THE
8 EVIDENCE INDICATES WAS OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE
9 VIOLATION.

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

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

15 (1) REFUSE TO REGISTER OR REREGISTER THE REGISTRATION OF
16 THE MOTOR VEHICLE CITED FOR THE VIOLATION; OR

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

19 (I) A VIOLATION FOR WHICH A CIVIL PENALTY IS IMPOSED UNDER THIS
20 SECTION:

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

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

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

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

29 (J) (1) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION
30 ~~AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE~~, THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL
31 ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS, THE TRIAL OF CIVIL
32 VIOLATIONS, AND THE COLLECTION OF CIVIL PENALTIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

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

5 **(K) (1) THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ~~POLICE FORCE~~**
6 **OR ITS CONTRACTOR SHALL ADMINISTER AND PROCESS CIVIL CITATIONS ISSUED**
7 **UNDER THIS SECTION IN COORDINATION WITH THE DISTRICT COURT.**

8 **(2) IF A CONTRACTOR PROVIDES, DEPLOYS, OR OPERATES A LANE**
9 **~~DIRECTION USE~~ CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE MARYLAND**
10 **TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ~~POLICE FORCE~~, THE CONTRACTOR'S FEE MAY NOT**
11 **BE CONTINGENT ON THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED OR PAID.**

12 **(L) THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT**
13 **REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR LANE ~~DIRECTION~~**
14 **USE CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

15 26-305.

16 (a) The Administration may not register or transfer the registration of any vehicle
17 involved in a parking violation under this subtitle, a violation under any federal parking
18 regulation that applies to property in this State under the jurisdiction of the U.S.
19 government, a violation of § 21-202(h) of this article as determined under § 21-202.1 of this
20 article or Title 21, Subtitle 8 of this article as determined under § 21-809 or § 21-810 of
21 this article, **A VIOLATION OF § 21-204.1 OF THIS ARTICLE AS DETERMINED UNDER §**
22 **21-1404.1 OF THIS ARTICLE**, or a violation of the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law
23 under § 10-110 of the Criminal Law Article or a local law or ordinance adopted by
24 Baltimore City relating to the unlawful disposal of litter as determined under § 10-112 of
25 the Criminal Law Article, if:

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

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

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

32 (2) It is notified by the District Court that a person who has elected to stand
33 trial for the violation under this subtitle, under § 21-202.1, § 21-809, or § 21-810 of this
34 article, or under § 10-110 or § 10-112 of the Criminal Law Article has failed to appear for
35 trial; or

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

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

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

7 26-401.

8 If a person is taken before a District Court commissioner or is given a traffic citation
9 or a civil citation under § 21-202.1, § 21-809, § 21-810, **§ 21-1404.1**, § 21-1414, or §
10 24-111.3 of this article containing a notice to appear in court, the commissioner or court
11 shall be one that sits within the county in which the offense allegedly was committed.

12 SECTION 2. ~~AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Highway~~
13 ~~Administration shall provide the Maryland Transportation Authority with access to the~~
14 ~~State Highway Administration's existing vendor contacts and processes to assist the~~
15 ~~Maryland Transportation Authority in the planning and implementing of the use of lane~~
16 ~~direction control signal monitoring systems under this Act.~~

17 ~~SECTION 3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.