SENATE BILL 10

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By: **Senator A. Washington**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Highway Administration – Speed Monitoring Systems – Application**
3 **Approval**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to approve, deny, or
5   return as incomplete an application for the use of a certain speed monitoring system
6   within a certain number of days; providing that if the Administration does not
7   approve, deny, or return the application in accordance with this Act, the application
8   is deemed approved; <u>limiting the number of applications that may be submitted</u>
9   <u>within a certain period of time;</u> and generally relating to applications for the use of
10   speed monitoring systems.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12   Article – Transportation
13   Section 21–809(a)(1)<u>, (5),</u> and (9)
14   Annotated Code of Maryland
15   (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17   Article – Transportation
18   Section 21–809(b)(1)(ii)
19   Annotated Code of Maryland
20   (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
    [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
    <u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.
    ~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by
    amendment.

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

3   **Article – Transportation**

4   21–809.

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

6   (5)   "Program administrator" means an employee or a representative of the
7   local jurisdiction, the State Highway Administration, or the Maryland Transportation
8   Authority designated by the local jurisdiction, the State Highway Administration, or the
9   Authority to oversee a contract with a speed monitoring system contractor.

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

13   (b)   (1)   (ii)   **1.**   Before a county may use a speed monitoring system on a
14 State highway at a location within a municipal corporation, the county shall:

15   **[**1.**] A.**   Obtain   the   approval   of   the   State   Highway
16 Administration;

17   **[**2.**] B.**   Notify   the   municipal   corporation   of   the   State
18 Highway Administration's approval of the use of a speed monitoring system at that
19 location; and

20   **[**3.**] C.**   Grant the municipal corporation 60 days from the
21 date of the county's notice to the municipal corporation to enact an ordinance authorizing
22 the municipal corporation instead of the county to use a speed monitoring system at that
23 location.

24   **2.   A.   WITHIN ~~90~~ 120 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF AN
25 APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY A PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR OR THE PROGRAM
26 ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACTOR FOR THE USE OF A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM
27 UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SHALL
28 APPROVE OR DENY THE APPLICATION OR RETURN THE APPLICATION AS
29 INCOMPLETE.**

30   **B.   IF THE ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT APPROVE, DENY,
31 OR RETURN AN APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSUBSUBPARAGRAPH A OF
32 THIS SUBSUBPARAGRAPH, THE APPLICATION SHALL BE DEEMED APPROVED.**

33   **C.   A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM CONTRACTOR THAT
34 SUBMITS AN APPLICATION UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL CONSULT WITH THE**

1 **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR BEFORE AND AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF THE**
2 **APPLICATION.**

3   **D.**   **A PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR OR THE PROGRAM**
4 **ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACTOR MAY NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN 10 APPLICATIONS**
5 **FOR THE USE OF A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH**
6 **DURING ANY 30–DAY PERIOD.**

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

Approved:

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                     Governor.

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               President of the Senate.

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             Speaker of the House of Delegates.