

SENATE BILL 115

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By: **Senator West**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Automated Speed Enforcement – Improper Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to enter into an agreement
4 or arrangement with the Commonwealth of Virginia to obtain information regarding
5 motor vehicles owned by Maryland residents and improperly registered in the
6 Commonwealth of Virginia; requiring the Administration to make the information
7 available to certain State and local governmental entities for certain automated
8 speed enforcement purposes; increasing the penalties for the owners or drivers of
9 certain improperly registered motor vehicles for violations recorded by automated
10 speed enforcement systems; requiring owners or drivers of improperly registered
11 motor vehicles to be mailed a certain notice under certain circumstances; and
12 generally relating to automated speed enforcement for improperly registered motor
13 vehicles.

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 12–415
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
20 Article – Transportation
21 Section 21–809(a)(1) and (9) and 21–810(a)(1) and (7)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
25 Article – Transportation
26 Section 21–809(c) and (d)(1) and 21–810(c) and (d)(1)
27 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

12–415.

**(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OR
ARRANGEMENT WITH AN APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA TO OBTAIN AND REGULARLY UPDATE INFORMATION
REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLES THAT:**

(1) ARE OWNED BY RESIDENTS OF THE STATE; AND

**(2) ARE IMPROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF
VIRGINIA.**

(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

**(1) COMPILE THE INFORMATION OBTAINED UNDER THIS SECTION
INTO A SEARCHABLE DATABASE; AND**

**(2) MAKE THE DATABASE AVAILABLE TO ANY STATE OR LOCAL
ENTITY SEEKING ACCESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING CITATIONS TO THE OWNERS
OR DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR VIOLATIONS RECORDED BY:**

**(I) SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS UNDER § 21–809 OF THIS
ARTICLE; AND**

**(II) WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS UNDER § 21–810 OF
THIS ARTICLE.**

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.**

**(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 the motor vehicle is recorded by a speed monitoring system while being operated in violation of this subtitle.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) [and], (iii), AND (IV) of this paragraph, a civil penalty under this subsection may not exceed:

1. 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;

2. 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;

3. 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;

4. 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

5. If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle exceeded the speed limit by 40 miles per hour or more, \$425.

(ii) A civil penalty under this paragraph for a violation recorded on Interstate 83 in Baltimore County or Interstate 695 in Baltimore County may not exceed \$40.

(iii) 1. This paragraph applies to a civil penalty assessed to the owner or driver of a motor vehicle that is recorded by a speed monitoring system while being operated on Maryland Route 210 (Piscataway Highway) in Prince George's County in violation of this subtitle.

2. [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE maximum civil penalty under this subparagraph is as follows:

A. For exceeding the maximum posted speed limit by between 12 and 15, inclusive, miles per hour, \$40;

B. For exceeding the maximum posted speed limit by between 16 and 19, inclusive, miles per hour, \$70;

C. For exceeding the maximum posted speed limit by between 20 and 29, inclusive, miles per hour, \$120;

D. For exceeding the maximum posted speed limit by between 30 and 39, inclusive, miles per hour, \$230; or

E. For exceeding the maximum posted speed limit by 40 miles per hour or more, \$425.

(IV) 1. THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO A CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSED TO THE OWNER OR DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS RECORDED BY A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM WHILE BEING OPERATED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE, IF:

A. THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE; AND

B. THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS IMPROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

2. THE MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH IS:

A. FOR EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 12 AND 15, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$250;

B. FOR EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 16 AND 19, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$500;

C. FOR EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 20 AND 29, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$750;

D. FOR EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 30 AND 39, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$1,000; OR

E. FOR EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT BY 40 MILES PER HOUR OR MORE, \$1,250.

(3) For purposes of this section, the District Court shall prescribe:

(i) A uniform citation form consistent with subsection (d)(1) of this section and § 7-302 of the Courts Article; and

(ii) A civil penalty, which shall be indicated on the citation, to be paid by persons who choose to prepay the civil penalty without appearing in District Court.

(d) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection, an agency shall mail to an owner liable under subsection (c) of this section a citation that shall include:

(i) The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;

1 (ii) The registration number of the motor vehicle involved in the
2 violation;

3 (iii) The violation charged;

4 (iv) The location where the violation occurred;

5 (v) The date and time of the violation;

6 (vi) A copy of the recorded image;

7 (vii) The amount of the civil penalty imposed and the date by which
8 the civil penalty should be paid;

9 (viii) A signed statement by a duly authorized law enforcement officer
10 or a technician employed by or under contract with an agency that, based on inspection of
11 recorded images, the motor vehicle was being operated in violation of this subtitle;

12 (ix) A statement that recorded images are evidence of a violation of
13 this subtitle;

14 (x) Information advising the person alleged to be liable under this
15 section of the manner and time in which liability as alleged in the citation may be contested
16 in the District Court; [and]

17 (xi) Information advising the person alleged to be liable under this
18 section that failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner:

19 1. Is an admission of liability;

20 2. May result in the refusal by the Administration to register
21 the motor vehicle; and

22 3. May result in the suspension of the motor vehicle
23 registration; AND

24 **(XII) IF THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS A RESIDENT OF**
25 **THE STATE AND THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS IMPROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE**
26 **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, INFORMATION ADVISING THE PERSON ALLEGED TO**
27 **BE LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION THAT DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A HIGHWAY**
28 **WITHOUT PROPER REGISTRATION IS A VIOLATION OF § 13-402 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

29 21-810.

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

(7) “Work zone speed control system” means a device that:

(i) Has one or more motor vehicle sensors connected to a camera system capable of producing recorded images of motor vehicles traveling at or above a predetermined speed in or approaching a work zone; and

(ii) Is equipped with flashing blue lights.

(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 work zone speed control system in accordance with subsection (b) of this section while being operated in violation of this subtitle.

(2) Except as provided in [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4) of this subsection, a civil penalty under this subsection is:

(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, \$60;

(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, \$80;

(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, \$140;

(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, \$270; AND

(v) If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle exceeded the speed limit by 40 miles per hour or more, \$500.

(3) (I) **THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO A CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSED TO THE OWNER OR DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS RECORDED BY A WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEM WHILE BEING OPERATED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE, IF:**

1. **THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE; AND**

2. **THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS IMPROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.**

(II) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS:**

1 1. **IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE**
2 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 12 AND 15, INCLUSIVE,**
3 **MILES PER HOUR, \$300;**

4 2. **IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE**
5 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 16 AND 19, INCLUSIVE,**
6 **MILES PER HOUR, \$450;**

7 3. **IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE**
8 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 20 AND 29, INCLUSIVE,**
9 **MILES PER HOUR, \$600;**

10 4. **IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE**
11 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 30 AND 39, INCLUSIVE,**
12 **MILES PER HOUR, \$750; AND**

13 5. **IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE**
14 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY 40 MILES PER HOUR OR MORE,**
15 **\$900.**

16 (4) If a citation is for a violation recorded when workers were present in
17 the work zone, the civil penalty shall be double the amount that would otherwise apply
18 under paragraph (2) **OR (3)** of this subsection.

19 [(4)] (5) For purposes of this section, the District Court shall:

20 (i) Prescribe a uniform citation form consistent with subsection
21 (d)(1) of this section and § 7–302 of the Courts Article; and

22 (ii) Indicate on the citation the amount of the civil penalty to be paid
23 by persons who choose to prepay the civil penalty without appearing in District Court.

24 (d) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this
25 subsection, a local police department, State police department, or police department
26 contractor shall mail to the owner liable under subsection (c) of this section a citation that
27 shall include:

28 (i) The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;

29 (ii) The registration number of the motor vehicle involved in the
30 violation;

31 (iii) The violation charged;

32 (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 each 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 should be paid;

(viii) A signed statement by a police officer employed by the local police department or State police department 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; AND

(XII) IF THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AND THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS IMPROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, INFORMATION ADVISING THE PERSON ALLEGED TO BE LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION THAT DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A HIGHWAY WITHOUT PROPER REGISTRATION IS A VIOLATION OF § 13-402 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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