

# 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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

3 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

4 **Article – Transportation**

5 **12-415.**

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

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

11 **(2) ARE IMPROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF**

12 **VIRGINIA.**

13 **(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:**

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

16 **(2) MAKE THE DATABASE AVAILABLE TO ANY STATE OR LOCAL**

17 **ENTITY SEEKING ACCESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING CITATIONS TO THE OWNERS**  
18 **OR DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR VIOLATIONS RECORDED BY:**

19 **(I) SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS UNDER § 21-809 OF THIS**

20 **ARTICLE; AND**

21 **(II) WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS UNDER § 21-810 OF**

22 **THIS ARTICLE.**

23 **21-809.**

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

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

28 **(c) (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police**  
29 **officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection (f)(4) of this**

1 section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is  
2 recorded by a speed monitoring system while being operated in violation of this subtitle.

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

5 1. If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle  
6 exceeded the speed limit by between 12 and 15, inclusive, miles per hour, \$40;

7 2. If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle  
8 exceeded the speed limit by between 16 and 19, inclusive, miles per hour, \$70;

9 3. If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle  
10 exceeded the speed limit by between 20 and 29, inclusive, miles per hour, \$120;

11 4. If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle  
12 exceeded the speed limit by between 30 and 39, inclusive, miles per hour, \$230; and

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

15 (ii) A civil penalty under this paragraph for a violation recorded on  
16 Interstate 83 in Baltimore County or Interstate 695 in Baltimore County may not exceed  
17 \$40.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (ii) The registration number of the motor vehicle involved in the violation;
  - (iii) The violation charged;
  - (iv) The location where the violation occurred;
  - (v) The date and time of the violation;
  - (vi) A copy of the recorded image;
  - (vii) The amount of the civil penalty imposed and the date by which it should be paid;
  - (viii) A signed statement by a duly authorized law enforcement officer employed by or under contract with an agency that, based on inspection of 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 subtitle of the time in which liability as alleged in the citation may be contested in a court; [and]
  - (xi) Information advising the person alleged to be liable under this subtitle of the time in which liability as alleged in the citation may be contested in a court to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner;

(XII) IF THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS A RESIDENT OF  
THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS IMPROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE  
H OF VIRGINIA, INFORMATION ADVISING THE PERSON ALLEGED TO  
R THIS SECTION THAT DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A HIGHWAY  
R 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:

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

(ii) Is equipped with flashing blue lights.

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

13 (i) If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle  
14 exceeded the speed limit by between 12 and 15, inclusive, miles per hour, \$60;

15 (ii) If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle  
16 exceeded the speed limit by between 16 and 19, inclusive, miles per hour, \$80;

19 (iv) If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle  
20 exceeded the speed limit by between 30 and 39, inclusive, miles per hour, \$270; AND

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

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;

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

2 (vi) At least one recorded image of the vehicle with a data bar  
3 imprinted on each image that includes the speed of the vehicle and the date and time the  
4 image was recorded;

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

7 (viii) A signed statement by a police officer employed by the local police  
8 department or State police department that, based on inspection of recorded images, the  
9 motor vehicle was being operated in violation of this subtitle;

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

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

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

17 1. Is an admission of liability;

18 2. May result in the refusal to register the motor vehicle; and

19 3. May result in the suspension of the motor vehicle

20 registration; AND

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

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