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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Bus Obstruction Monitoring Systems and Bus Stop Zones**

3 FOR the purpose of replacing references to a bus lane monitoring system with references
4 to a bus obstruction monitoring system; prohibiting a person from stopping,
5 standing, or parking a vehicle in a bus stop zone if a transit vehicle is present, subject
6 to certain exceptions; and generally relating to bus lane and bus stop zone
7 enforcement.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 7–302(e)(2) and 10–311(e) and (h)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – General Provisions
15 Section 4–321(b)(7)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

19 Article – Transportation
20 Section 12–113.1(b)(7) and 21–1134
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

24 Article – Transportation
25 Section 21–1003(a) and 21–1133
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY adding to
2 Article – Transportation
3 Section 21-1003(gg)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

9 7-302.

10 (e) (2) (i) A citation issued as the result of any of the following systems or
11 cameras controlled by a political subdivision shall provide that, in an uncontested case, the
12 penalty shall be paid directly to that political subdivision:

- 13 1. A vehicle height monitoring system;
- 14 2. A traffic control signal monitoring system;
- 15 3. A speed monitoring system;
- 16 4. A work zone speed control system;
- 17 5. A stop sign monitoring system;
- 18 6. A school bus monitoring camera;
- 19 7. A bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring system; or
- 20 8. A noise abatement monitoring system.

21 (ii) A citation issued as the result of any of the following systems or
22 cameras controlled by a political subdivision shall provide that, in a contested case, the
23 penalty shall be paid directly to the District Court:

- 24 1. A vehicle height monitoring system;
- 25 2. A traffic control signal monitoring system;
- 26 3. A speed monitoring system;
- 27 4. A work zone speed control system;
- 28 5. A stop sign monitoring system;

6. A school bus monitoring camera;
7. A bus [lane] **OBSTRUCTION** monitoring system; or
8. A noise abatement monitoring system.

1. A traffic control signal monitoring system;
2. A work zone speed control system;
3. A speed monitoring system; or
4. A bus [lane] **OBSTRUCTION** monitoring system.

11 10-311.

12 (e) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a bus [lane] **OBSTRUCTION**
13 monitoring system in accordance with § 21-1134 of the Transportation Article is admissible
14 in a proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of §
15 **21-1003(GG)** OR § 21-1133 of the Transportation Article without authentication.

16 (h) In any other judicial proceeding, a recorded image produced by a vehicle
17 height monitoring system, traffic control signal monitoring system, speed monitoring
18 system, work zone speed control system, stop sign monitoring system, school bus
19 monitoring camera, or bus [lane] **OBSTRUCTION** monitoring system or a recorded image
20 and any relevant recorded audio produced by a noise abatement monitoring system in
21 conjunction with a noise measuring device is admissible as otherwise provided by law.

Article – General Provisions

23 4-321.

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

(7) a bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring system operated under § 21-1134 of the Transportation Article;

Article – Transportation

29 12-113.1.

(b) This section applies to:

(7) Bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring systems under § 21-1134 of this

4 21-1003.

8 (GG) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK A VEHICLE IN A BUS STOP
9 ZONE IF A TRANSIT VEHICLE IS PRESENT IN THE BUS STOP ZONE UNLESS THE
10 PERSON:

13 (2) (I) IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE LOADING OR UNLOADING OF
14 PASSENGERS; AND

(II) HAS ACTIVATED THE VEHICLE'S HAZARD WARNING LIGHTS.

16 21-1133.

17 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person may not drive,
18 stand, or park a vehicle in a dedicated bus lane unless authorized by the local jurisdiction
19 in which the dedicated bus lane is located.

25 (2) A school bus:

26 (3) A bicyclic

27 (4) An emergency vehicle; and

(5) A vehicle making a right turn at the next immediate intersection.

29 21=1134

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

(2) "Agency" means:

(i) A law enforcement agency of the State or a local political subdivision that is authorized to issue a citation for a violation of the Maryland Vehicle Law or of local traffic laws or regulations;

15 (4) "Bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring system operator" means a
16 representative of an agency or a contractor that operates a bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION
17 monitoring system.

(5) (i) "Owner" means the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a lessee of a motor vehicle under a lease of 6 months or more.

20 (ii) "Owner" does not include:

1. A motor vehicle leasing company; or

2. A holder of a special registration plate issued under Title this article.

24 (6) "Recorded image" means an image recorded by a bus [lane]
25 **OBSTRUCTION** monitoring system:

26 (i) On:

1. A photograph;

2. A microphotograph;

3. An electronic image;

4. Videotape; or
5. Any other visual medium; and

5 (7) "Violation" means a violation of:

(I) § 21-1003(GG) OF THIS TITLE; OR

(II) § 21–1133 of this subtitle.

11 (2) A bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring system may be used only:

12 (i) When being operated by a bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring
13 system operator;

14 (ii) If, in accordance with the Maryland Manual on Uniform Traffic
15 Control Devices:

27 (3) (i) A bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring system may retain only
28 the images of vehicles that contain evidence of a violation.

29 (ii) Recorded images from a bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring
30 system:

(iii) A bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring system may not use biometric identification techniques, including facial recognition technology.

13 (ii) On completion of the training, the manufacturer shall issue a
14 signed certificate to the bus [lane] OBSTRUCTION monitoring system operator.

19 (i) States the date and time when the **BUS OBSTRUCTION**
20 **MONITORING** system was set up:

21 (ii) States that the bus [lane] **OBSTRUCTION** monitoring system
22 operator successfully performed, and the device passed, the manufacturer-specified
23 self-tests of the bus [lane] **OBSTRUCTION** monitoring system before producing a recorded
24 image;

25 (iii) Shall be kept on file; and

26 (iv) Shall be admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for a
27 violation.

28 (d) (1) A bus [lane] **OBSTRUCTION** monitoring system shall undergo an
29 annual calibration check performed by an independent calibration laboratory.

32 (i) Shall be kept on file; and

(ii) Shall be admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for a violation [of § 21–1133 of this subtitle].

8 (2) A civil penalty under this section may not exceed \$75.

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

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

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

14 (f) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (5) of this
15 subsection, an agency or a contractor of the agency shall mail to the owner liable under
16 subsection (e) of this section a citation that shall include:

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

18 (ii) The registration number of the motor vehicle involved in the
19 violation;

20 (iii) The violation charged;

21 (iv) To the extent possible, the location of the violation;

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

23 (vi) A copy of the recorded image;

24 (vii) The amount of the civil penalty imposed and the date by which

26 (viii) A signed statement by a police officer employed by the local law
27 enforcement agency that, based on inspection of the recorded images, the motor vehicle was

28 being operated during the commission of a violation;
29 (ix) A statement that the recorded image is evidence of a violation;
30 and

1 (x) Information advising the person alleged to be liable under this
2 section:

(2) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, an agency may mail a warning notice in place of a citation to the owner liable under subsection (e) of this section.

(ii) An agency may not mail a citation to a motor vehicle rental company liable under subsection (e) of this section if the motor vehicle rental company complies with subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

5 (ii) Elect to stand trial in the District Court for the alleged violation.

(6) To mail the citation or warning notice, the Baltimore City Police Department or a contractor of the police department shall use:

8 (i) The current mailing address on file with the Administration; or

11 (g) (1) (i) A certificate alleging that a violation occurred, sworn to or
12 affirmed by a duly authorized law enforcement officer employed or under contract with an
13 agency, based on inspection of a recorded image produced by a bus [lane] **OBSTRUCTION**
14 monitoring system, shall be evidence of the facts contained in the certificate and shall be
15 admissible in any proceeding concerning the alleged violation without the presence or
16 testimony of the bus [lane] **OBSTRUCTION** monitoring system operator who performed the
17 requirements under subsection (c) of this section.

22 (iii) 1. On request of a person who received a citation under this
23 section, video of the alleged violation shall be made available to the person.

27 (2) Adjudication of liability shall be based on a preponderance of evidence.

28 (h) (1) The District Court may consider in defense of an alleged violation:

29 (i) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, that the motor vehicle
30 or registration plates of the motor vehicle were stolen before the violation occurred and
31 were not under the control or in the possession of the owner at the time of the violation;

32 (ii) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, evidence that the
33 person named in the citation was not operating the vehicle at the time of the violation; and

(iii) Any other issues and evidence that the District Court deems relevant.

35 (i) If the civil penalty is not paid and the violation is not contested, the
36 Administration may refuse to register or reregister the motor vehicle.

(j) A violation for which a civil penalty is imposed under this section:

(1) Is not a moving violation for the purpose of assessing points under § 16-402 of this article and may not be recorded by the Administration on the driving record of the owner or driver of the vehicle;

5 (2) May be treated as a parking violation for purposes of § 26-305 of this
6 article; and

(3) May not be considered in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

15 (l) (1) An agency or a contractor designated by the agency shall administer
16 and process civil citations issued under this section in coordination with the District Court.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the
21 Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the
22 Department of Legislative Services, shall correct, with no further action required by the
23 General Assembly, cross-references and terminology rendered incorrect by this Act. The
24 publisher shall adequately describe any correction that is made in an editor's note following
25 the section affected.

26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2026.