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**BILL NO.:**            **SB 177**

**TITLE:**                **Motor Vehicle Administration - Authority to Suspend  
Registration for Violations Recorded by Traffic Control Signal  
Monitoring Systems - Repeal**

**SPONSOR:**           **Senator Waldstreicher**

**COMMITTEE:**        **Judicial Proceedings**

**POSITION:**          **OPPOSE**

**DATE:**                **January 28, 2020**

Baltimore County **OPPOSES** Senate Bill 177 – Election Law - Motor Vehicle Administration - Authority to Suspend Registration for Violations Recorded by Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems - Repeal. The bill repeals the MVA’s authority to suspend the registration of a motor vehicle if the owner or driver fails to pay violations for traffic control signal monitoring systems.

The ability to suspend a license is a valuable tool in enforcing the payment of fines for traffic violations. It is also a tool to encourage drivers to follow the rules of the road. Unsafe driving puts other drivers and pedestrians at risk, and there must be consequences.

Furthermore, Baltimore County has concerns about the fiscal impact. Baltimore County collects over \$1,000,000 a year due to owners lifting suspensions of their registration. This funding helps provide the residents of Baltimore County with the public safety personnel and traffic control technology that helps keep our roadways safe.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests an **UNFAVORABLE** report on SB 177. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.