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BILL NO.: **SB 319**

TITLE: Vehicle Laws – Move Over Safety Monitoring System -
 Authorization

SPONSOR: Senator Bailey

COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 6, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 319 – Vehicle Laws – Move Over Safety Monitoring System - Authorization. This legislation would authorize State and local emergency vehicles to integrate safety monitoring systems into their vehicles to record when a motor vehicle does not move over when passing a stopped emergency vehicle.

While Maryland implemented legislation seeking to address this issue in 2018, effects have not been as far-reaching as was hoped. This legislation offers a potential solution to the collisions that often occur when reckless motorists do not accommodate emergency vehicles. If violations of the safety regulation are recorded, it will be easier to charge violators with the \$500 fine included in the original legislation.

This proposed legislation also compliments one of Baltimore County’s priority pieces of legislation, which would impose more stringent fines on drivers who violate the original “Move Over” law. Collision deaths are often avoidable, which makes them all the more tragic. It is necessary to take further steps to prevent them by making it easier to spot reckless driving when it happens.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 319. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, 443-900-6582.

