



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

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Committee: Senate Judicial Proceedings

Bill: SB 319 – Vehicle Laws – Move Over Safety Monitoring System - Authorization

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports SB 319. This bill authorizes a State or local law enforcement agency and State or local volunteer fire company, rescue squad, fire department, and ambulance service to place a move over safety monitoring system on, or integrate a move over safety monitoring system into, an emergency vehicle for the purpose of recording a motor vehicle committing a violation relating to the operation of a motor vehicle on approach of an emergency vehicle.

Over ninety municipalities currently have law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement and first responders lay their lives on the line every day. Maryland has already passed legislation to require drivers to move over when a police officer or other first responder is on the shoulder of a road, if possible. This law was passed to provide additional safety protection for these individuals, but in many cases, drivers are not changing lanes even when the opportunity presents itself, putting these individuals in harm's way. Adding a safety monitoring system to these vehicles will help enforce current law.

For these reasons, the League supports SB 319 and respectfully requests that the committee report the bill favorably.

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