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Sponsor Testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 383

***Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems – Exclusion of Vehicle Rental
Companies – Repeal and Notification Requirement***

Before the Environment & Transportation Committee

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Under current law, a driver of a rental car who endangers others by running a red light is exempt from receiving a red light camera citation. According to local law enforcement, more than 4% of potential red light camera violations fall in this category. HB383 would improve safety by ending the exemption.

Of the 20 states that allow red light cameras, Maryland is one of only 3 that exempt rental cars.

Thanks to the good work of the Environment and Transportation Committee, the General Assembly repealed a similar exemption on school bus cameras in 2017 by enacting chapter 263. This established a workable model that can be expanded to red light cameras in 2021.

I ask for your favorable report.

EXEMPTION OF RENTAL VEHICLES FROM RED LIGHT CAMERA ENFORCEMENT: HOW DOES MARYLAND COMPARE?

State	Rental Vehicles Exempt?
Alabama	NOT EXEMPT
Arizona	NOT EXEMPT
California	NOT EXEMPT
Colorado	NOT EXEMPT
Delaware	EXEMPT
District of Columbia	NOT EXEMPT
Florida	NOT EXEMPT
Georgia	EXEMPT
Illinois	NOT EXEMPT
Louisiana	NOT EXEMPT
Maryland	EXEMPT
New York	NOT EXEMPT
North Carolina	NOT EXEMPT
Ohio	NOT EXEMPT
Oregon	NOT EXEMPT
Pennsylvania	NOT EXEMPT
Rhode Island	NOT EXEMPT
Tennessee	NOT EXEMPT
Virginia	NOT EXEMPT
Washington	NOT EXEMPT

Source: Department of Legislative Services Library

Analysis of "Rejected" Citations in Montgomery County

RENTAL/LEASE REJECT ANALYSIS			
	Rent/Lease Reject	Total Citations Issued	Reject %
Speed 2011	17,365	333,962	5.20%
Speed 2012	23,216	409,794	5.67%
Speed 2013	28,511	424,571	6.72%
Speed 2014	36,744	496,604	7.40%
Speed 2015	38,161	520,034	7.34%
Grand Total	143,997	2,184,965	6.59%
	Rent/Lease Reject	Total Citations Issued	Reject %
Red Light 2012	771	20,980	3.67%
Red Light 2013	2,393	59,526	4.02%
Red Light 2014	2,621	63,576	4.12%
Red Light 2015	3,294	71,324	4.62%
Grand Total	9079	215,406	4.21%
	Rent/Lease Reject	Total Citations Issued	Reject%
CrossSafe 2014	51	1,022	4.99%
CrossSafe 2015	63	2,051	3.07%
Grand Total	114	3,073	3.71%
Grand Total Rejects (All Programs)		Grand Total Citations(All Programs)	
153,190		2,403,444	
		Grand Total Reject % (All Programs)	
		6.37%	