



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Council

POSITION STATEMENT

HB 626 (PG 305-21) Prince George's County – Vehicle Height Monitoring
Delegate Nicole Williams Systems

POSITION:

SUPPORT

HB 626 (PG 305-21) - Prince George's County – Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems – FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of certain vehicle height monitoring systems in Prince George's County to enforce certain state and local laws restricting the presence of certain vehicles during certain times; applying to Prince George's County certain provisions of law relating to vehicle height monitoring systems; defining a certain term; making a stylistic and a technical change; making conforming changes; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act, and generally relating to imposing liability on owners of motor vehicles recorded while being operated in violation of a State or local law restricting the presence of vehicles during certain times.

This legislation builds on existing state law that allows Baltimore City's Police Department to act as the local enforcement authority for monitoring vehicle height via use of electronic monitoring devices. This bill authorizes and does not mandate, that local agencies can participate in the program.

A specific issue was identified in the Town of Riverdale Park regarding drivers of large trucks and commercial vehicles who were disregarding posted height and weight restrictions by using the residential and local roads as a bypass. While this issue was brought to attention of the County and State by Riverdale Park Mayor Alan Thompson, it is believed that there are other jurisdictions in Prince George's that will benefit from this enabling legislation.

The use of local residential roads by large commercial vehicles is more than an annoyance to our neighbors throughout the County. This situation causes an increased financial burden on our County and our municipalities. These roadways were not designed to handle the weight and size of these vehicles, so these residential roads become damaged much sooner than expected and/or budgeted. This has been a continuous problem in various parts of Prince George's County and its municipalities.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 626 (PG 305-21)** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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