



# Maryland Motor Truck Association

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**HEARING DATE:** April 1, 2021

**BILL NO/TITLE:** HB626 - Prince George's County - Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems PG 305-21

**COMMITTEE:** Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

**POSITION:** Support

Purpose: House Bill 626 would authorize Prince George's County and its 27 municipalities to use camera monitoring to enforce its truck routes. Currently only Baltimore City and Baltimore County have this authority.

Background: Baltimore City and Baltimore County have spent significant time working with trucking industry stakeholders to complete comprehensive reviews of legal truck routes, identify areas where trucks must have priority access, and develop maps showing the routes truck drivers should use. For those reasons, MMTA supported legislation that gave these jurisdictions the authority to use vehicle height monitoring systems to detect and fine trucks on prohibited roadways. Initially, HB626 did not require the same efforts from Prince George's County or its municipalities. However, a series of amendments were included in the legislation passed by the House. These amendments address concerns previously raised by Maryland Motor Truck Association about the unintended consequences of increased camera enforcement as there are a high number of false positives generated by these cameras. They commit Prince George's County to undergo a similar review to those completed in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. For those reasons, MMTA supports HB626 as amended.

**About Maryland Motor Truck Association:** Maryland Motor Truck Association is a not-for-profit trade association representing the trucking industry since 1935. In service to its 1,000 members, MMTA is committed to supporting and advocating for a safe, efficient, and profitable trucking industry across all sectors and industry types, regardless of size, domicile, or type of operation.

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