



# Montgomery County

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**HB 230**

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**SPONSOR: Delegate Carr, *et al.***

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**POSITION: SUPPORT (Montgomery County Department of Police)**

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### **Speed Monitoring Systems – Exclusion of Vehicle Rental Companies – Repeal and Notification Requirement**

House Bill 230 would repeal the exclusion granted to rental car companies for citations incurred by rental vehicles from automated speed monitoring enforcement systems in Maryland. The Montgomery County Department of Police (MCPD) supports this legislation.

Under current Maryland traffic law, rental car agencies are not required to comply with locating and/or paying citations from speed camera tickets acquired by rental car drivers. In Montgomery County, MCPD reports that for 2020 and 2021 there were 40,078 speed camera violations by rental car drivers, and 2,274 red light camera violations by rental car drivers that were uncollected. This legislation would apply the same reporting standard for speed camera tickets from a rental car motorist that are applied for school bus camera tickets by a rental car motorist. If a speed camera violation is attributed to a rental vehicle, the rental car company would be sent a notice and given 45-days to provide the name and address of the renter to the law enforcement agency.

Automated speed enforcement in Maryland has been an important traffic safety tool that has reduced the number of serious and fatal crashes by encouraging more responsible driver behavior through the issuance of a civil violation like a parking violation. By holding rental car drivers personally responsible for their speeding tickets, House Bill 230 will make Maryland roads safer. The Montgomery County Department of Police supports this bill and urges the Committee to adopt a favorable report.