



Maryland Municipal League  
*The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns*

TESTIMONY

March 3, 2022

**Committee:** House Environment and Transportation

**Bill:** HB 1071 - Speed Monitoring Systems - Real-Time Posting of Vehicle Speed

**Position:** Oppose

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League opposes House Bill 1071, which requires a municipality install a device that displays the real-time speed of a driver prior to the segment of roadway that contains a speed camera. for speed cameras installed after October 1, 2022,

Real-time speed display devices are expensive, our most recent data shows that the typical cost is between \$2,500 and \$8,000 per device. It is not financially feasible to require that a jurisdiction deploy real-time speed display devices in conjunction with the installation of each new speed camera.

There are additional logistical concerns with mandating real-time display devices for each new speed camera; ongoing maintenance of the display devices, moving the display devices when a speed camera is moved or removed, and their efficacy on multi-lane roads is questionable.

Speeding is a problem in many municipalities, and this bill makes it more costly and difficult for local jurisdictions to implement an effective tool to curb this reckless driving behavior. As such, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 1071 with an unfavorable report.

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