



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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POSITION STATEMENT

HB 1333 Motor Vehicles – Modified Vehicle Exhaust System - Penalties
Delegate Lehman, et al.
(ENT Committee)

POSITION:

SUPPORT

HB 1333 – Motor Vehicles – Modified Vehicle Exhaust System - Penalties - This bill alters penalties and enforcement provisions related to the modification of exhaust systems on motor vehicles. Under the bill, a person convicted of a violation of these requirements is subject to (1) a \$200 fine for a first offense; (2) a \$300 fine for a second offense; and (3) a \$400 fine for a third or subsequent offense. The bill exempts from these requirements (1) a historic motor vehicle; (2) a historic truck, tractor, or motor home; or (3) a street rod. However, any such vehicles must be properly registered pursuant to existing State law.

Additionally, if a police officer observes a vehicle being operated in violation of existing prohibitions related to improperly modified exhaust systems, the officer may stop the driver of the vehicle and, in addition to a citation charging the driver with the offense, must issue to the driver a safety equipment repair order.

The Prince George's County Council hears regularly from our constituents concerning this statewide and national nuisance issue. The Council shares concerns expressed that this bill is not used as a vehicle for racial profiling, but simply as a response to addressing constituents concerns that the offending vehicles are in violation of the law.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 1333** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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