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**Sponsor Testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 230**

***Automated Enforcement - Exclusion of Vehicle Rental Companies -  
Repeal and Notification Requirement***

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Under current law, a person who endangers others by speeding or running a red light is exempt from receiving a camera citation if they happen to be driving a rental car. According to the Montgomery County Police, about 9% of potential speed camera violations fall into this category. House Bill 230 would improve safety by ending the exemption.

Of the states that allow automated speed enforcement, Maryland and Georgia are the outliers that exempts rental cars.

HB230 follows the model used in Washington State. Under the bill, if a vehicle registered to a rental car company triggers a camera violation, a notice is sent and the company has 45 days to respond back with the name and mailing address of the renter. The citation can then be sent directly to the renter.

The Washington State approach is a successful one. Companies like Enterprise, Alamo and National are able to comply and are sending the renter information back to the jurisdiction in response to the notice.

The bill also includes language suggested by a Maryland-based rental car company that automates the processing of notices and eliminates unnecessary paperwork.

I ask for your favorable report.

# EXEMPTION OF RENTAL VEHICLES FROM SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT:

## HOW DOES MARYLAND COMPARE?

<b>State</b>	<b>Rentals Exempt?</b>
Alabama	NOT EXEMPT
Arizona	NOT EXEMPT
Colorado	NOT EXEMPT
District of Columbia	NOT EXEMPT
Georgia	EXEMPT
Illinois	NOT EXEMPT
Iowa	NOT EXEMPT
Louisiana	NOT EXEMPT
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>EXEMPT</b>
New Mexico	NOT EXEMPT
New York	NOT EXEMPT
Ohio (grandfathered)	NOT EXEMPT
Oregon	NOT EXEMPT
Pennsylvania	NOT EXEMPT
Rhode Island	NOT EXEMPT
Tennessee	NOT EXEMPT
Washington	NOT EXEMPT

# Analysis of “Rejected” Speed Camera Citations in Montgomery County

Year	Total Issued	Total Rental/ Lease	Percent of Total
2017	470,044	34,497	7%
2018	400,292	35,379	9%
2019 (thru Sept)	228,037	24,941	11%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,098,373</b>	<b>94,817</b>	<b>9%</b>

Value of rejected citations = \$1.4M in 2018

**Source: Montgomery County Police Department**