



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

March 24, 2022

Committee: Senate Judicial Proceedings

Bill: HB 404 - Vehicle Laws - Speed Limits - Establishment

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 404, which authorizes municipalities to lower the speed limit on a highway to 15 miles per hour (MPH) after completion of an engineering and traffic study.

Currently, only Montgomery County and municipalities in Montgomery County are authorized to lower speed limits on highways to 15 MPH after completion of a traffic study, and this bill would expand that authority to municipalities statewide. With the proliferation of GPS navigation apps, drivers are using roads that were not designed to handle such vehicular volume. As a result, speeding is a problem in many municipalities, and this bill would give local officials one more tool to combat this type of reckless driving behavior. The requirement that the speed limit may be lowered only after a traffic study is completed ensures accountability and a proper deliberative process.

As such, the League respectfully requests that the committee provide HB 404 with a favorable report.

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