

# **SB642 - Maryland Motor Truck Association - Support**

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**HEARING DATE:** February 24, 2022

**BILL NO/TITLE:** SB642 – Harford County - Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems

**COMMITTEE:** Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

**POSITION:** Support with Amendments

Purpose: SB642 would authorize Harford County to use camera monitoring to enforce its truck routes. Currently only Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Prince George’s County have this authority.

Background: Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Prince George’s County have spent significant time working with trucking industry stakeholders to complete comprehensive reviews of legal truck routes, identify areas where trucks must have priority access, and develop maps showing the routes truck drivers should use. For those reasons, MMTA supported legislation that gave these jurisdictions the authority to use vehicle height monitoring systems to detect and fine trucks on prohibited roadways. With the amendments offered by the sponsor, SB642 will require the same processes by Harford County. These amendments address concerns raised by Maryland Motor Truck Association about the unintended consequences of increased camera enforcement as there are a high number of false positives generated by these cameras among moving companies, home heating fuel deliveries, and e-commerce. They commit Harford County to undergo a similar review to those completed in the other jurisdictions. For those reasons, MMTA supports this legislation as amended.

**About Maryland Motor Truck Association:** Maryland Motor Truck Association is a not-for-profit trade association representing the trucking industry since 1935. In service to its 1,000 members, MMTA is committed to supporting and advocating for a safe, efficient, and profitable trucking industry across all sectors and industry types, regardless of size, domicile, or type of operation.

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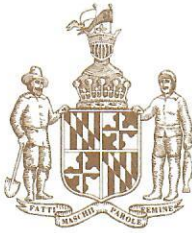
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**RE: Senate Bill 642 – Harford County – Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems**

Dear Committee Members:

I request your support for SB 642. The purpose of this bill is to allow Harford County to install height monitoring systems on a specified residential roadway that is now subject to being used unlawfully by large commercial trucks as a cut through to avoid traffic on the State highways. These trucks driving through residential neighborhoods create noise and safety problems for those living in those neighborhoods. A workgroup will be created to identify specific placement and possible exemptions of certain vehicles from the restrictions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Cassilly".

Senator Bob Cassilly