



## House Bill 928

### *Motor Vehicles - Off-the-Road Motorcycles - Local Regulation and Enforcement*

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**

To: Environment and Transportation  
Committee

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The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS** HB 928. This bill would provide counties with additional tools to regulate off-the-road motorcycles, providing additional protections for public safety.

Counties have a duty to safeguard the health and safety of their residents, including in public spaces like roadways. Counties already have similar responsibilities as those outlined in HB 928: establishing and enforcing public health regulations, setting speed limits on county roads, and requiring certain licenses to engage in certain activities. The ability to regulate and require the registration of off-the-road motorcycles is a natural progression of already existing county powers, responding to real incidents facing Maryland neighborhoods.

At its core, HB 928 is about the safety Maryland families. By enabling counties to regulate and require the registration of off-the-road motorcycles, communities can take direct action in ensuring that these vehicles are used in a safe manner and in approved locations.

HB 928 is common sense policy that, if enacted, would serve to make Maryland's streets a safer place for families and children. For this reason, MACo **SUPPORTS** HB 928 and urges a **FAVORABLE** report.