

**MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE**  
**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Hon. Matthew J. Fader  
Chief Justice

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** House Environment and Transportation Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.  
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**RE:** House Bill 1130  
Vehicle Laws – Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems –  
Authorization, Use and Penalties  
**DATE:** February 10, 2023  
(3/2)  
**POSITION:** Oppose, as drafted

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The Maryland Judiciary opposes House Bill 1130, as drafted. This bill establishes that, under § 22-612 of the Transportation Article, a noise abatement monitoring system may be used in a local jurisdiction if its use is authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing.

The Judiciary has concerns with Transportation Article § 22-612(f)(4). This provision requires court clerks' offices to send to local law enforcement agencies "evidence substantiating who was operating" vehicles when the alleged offender is shown not to have been the operator when the traffic violations were committed. This inappropriately puts courts in the position of assisting a prosecuting agency.

cc. Hon. Julie Palakovich Carr  
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Kelley O'Connor