



# Montgomery County

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**SB 616**

**DATE: March 2, 2023**

**SPONSOR: Senator Corderman**

**ASSIGNED TO: Judicial Proceedings**

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**POSITION: SUPPORT (Montgomery County Department of Police)**

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### **Motor Vehicles – Modified Exhaust Systems and Noise Abatement Devices – Citations**

Senate Bill 616 would authorize a law enforcement officer who observes a vehicle being operated with a modified exhaust system in violation of certain noise levels to stop the motorist and issue a citation for the offense. The violation would be a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than \$500. The Montgomery County Department of Police supports this bill.

Vehicle exhaust noise complaints and growing numbers of street racing events on State and county roadways have continued to challenge local law enforcement agencies. These occurrences pose a traffic safety risk and affect residents' quality of life. This bill will help to address the problem by penalizing individuals for deliberately disrupting the peace in otherwise enjoyable communities.

The Montgomery County Department of Police supports Senate Bill 616 and urges that the Committee adopt a favorable report.