



MARYLAND
Association of
COUNTIES

Senate Bill 229

Vehicle Laws – Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems – Authorization, Use, and Penalties

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**

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The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS** SB 229. This bill would allow counties to install noise abatement monitoring systems on county roadways. This is enabling legislation that authorizes counties to apply an additional tool in maintaining motor vehicle compliance and safety in neighborhoods and communities.

In addition to the enhanced security and order these programs help local governments maintain, they also help to support other public safety measures that keep these communities thriving. With an automated option for enforcing motor vehicle laws and violations, there is great potential to divert costs associated with law enforcement personnel who would typically be tasked with motor vehicle monitoring. These savings can be reinvested in other areas, while maintaining compliance and calming neighborhoods via the automated monitoring system.

Counties welcome this additional means to provide the accommodations necessary to maintain safe streets for all and doing so in a way that is sensitive to the constant demands on taxpayer dollars and county budgets. For these reason, MACo urges a **FAVORABLE** report for SB 229.