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# Sponsor Amendments to HB107 - Vehicle Laws - Bus Lane Obstruction - Monitoring Systems Expansion and Workgroup (Better Bus Service Act of 2024)

- 1. Ensure that the language (here and everywhere that transit agencies are referenced) would also apply to bus lanes intended for use by WMATA as well as the locally operated transit services that are not operated by departments of transportation (such as the multijurisdictional RTA)
- 2. Page 1, Line 3, add Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority after MTA
- 3. Page 2, line 6, change it to read Dedicated Bus Lane MAY include transit bus stops a. Include subsection that allows local jurisdiction to opt in to include transit stops for enforcement of parking and standing
- 4. On Page 2, line 11, delete the words "parked or allowed to stand" keep driven
  - a. Add Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority after MTA
  - b. Add ""privately operated buses with a seated capacity greater than 16 passengers" to the list
  - c. Add paratransit vehicle if not included in (1)
- 5. Page 2, line 29 change to "a local, regional, or statewide transit agency or authority")
- 6. Page 6, line 21, make warning period 90 days
- 7. On page 7, in line 19, after "office" insert "OR TECHNICIAN". If you look at sections of the statute for school bus camera citations and redlight camera violations, in both cases, the signed statement requirement can be done by a "technician employed the law enforcement agency". See Transportation Article 21-706.1(f)(viii).
- 8. Replace "Local Law Enforcement Agency" with language that clearly includes MTA Police and WMATA Police such as "Local Law Enforcement Agency or Transit Agency Police Department" Strike 'Local Law Enforcement Agency' everywhere replace with 'Agency of Jurisdiction Authorized to Enforce" or use language from Article 21-706
- 9. Page 10, line 2, Should read "Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation"
- 10. Page 10, line 25 "analyze curb space regulations within transit-served areas of the State."
- 11. Change report date to June 30, 2025
- 12. Page 3, Lines 3, replace 'lane' with 'OBSTRUCTION'
  - a. 'Bus OBSTRUCTION monitoring system' throughout the bill
- 13. Page 3, Line 28 After 'motor vehicles' strike 'traveling, STANDING, OR PARKED in a bus lane' and add PURSUANT TO THE FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS:

# (i) 21-1133 OR A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING DRIVING STANDING OR **PARKING IN A DEDICATED BUS LANE;**

## (ii) 21-1003 (GG) OR A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING A VEHICLE AT A BUS STOP ZONE;

### (iii) 21-1003 (HH) OR A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING A VEHICLE IN A BIKE LANE.

# (iv) 21-1003 (DD) OR A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING A VEHICLE IN FRONT OF A CURB RAMP DESIGNED FOR THE USE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

(v) 21-1003 (R) OR A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING ON THE ROADWAY SIDE OF ANY OTHER VEHICLE THAT IS STOPPED OR PARKED AT THE EDGE OR CURB OF A HIGHWAY.

## (v) 21-1003 (J) OR A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING AT ANY PLACE WHERE STOPPING IS PROHIBITED BY AN OFFICIAL SIGN.

14. Privacy Provisions

- a. Devices shall be angled and focused so as to capture recorded images of violations and not unnecessarily capture identifying images of other drivers, vehicles and pedestrians.
- b. Recorded images that do not contain evidence of an enforceable offense shall be destroyed within 15 days after the information was first obtained. Otherwise, recorded image evidence may be retained for up to six months from the date the information was first obtained, or 60 days after final disposition of the citation, whichever is later, after which the recorded image shall be destroyed.
- c. Bus Obstruction Monitoring Systems shall not utilize biometric identifying technology, including, but not limited to, facial recognition technology.
- d. Other than for the purposes outlined in this law, recorded images produced by bus obstruction monitoring systems shall not be used for any law enforcement purpose or in a criminal or civil proceeding in the absence of a court order requiring such images to be produced.