



AAA Mid-Atlantic's Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1139 Motor Vehicles - Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program – Establishment

Sponsor: Delegate Allen

- AAA Mid-Atlantic **supports HB 1139 – Motor Vehicles - Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program – Establishment**, requiring individuals whose driver's licenses are subject to certain suspension or revocation to participate in the Program.
- AAA recognizes that speeding is a serious problem on our roadways, and speed-related crashes are a leading cause of traffic fatalities nationwide and here in Maryland.
- According to the MDOT MVA Highway Safety Office, there were 7,705 speed-related crashes in Maryland in 2023, resulting in more than 3,200 injuries and 102 deaths. *(Source: MDOT MVA Highway Safety Office, data as of February 18, 2025).*
- AAA supports requiring active intelligent speed assistance technology for combatting repeat and egregious speeding offenders.
- While the use of this speed limiting technology to address this dangerous and potentially deadly behavior is new, these devices have been used in public transit, municipal fleets, commercial vehicles and some private vehicles around the globe and have demonstrated success in reducing speeds.
- Sadly, speeding persists on our roadways, despite the dangers.
- In the **AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety's annual 2023 Traffic Safety Culture Index**, 61% of respondents perceived driving 10 mph over the posted speed limit on residential streets as very or extremely dangerous and 49% of respondents reported speeding 15 mph above the posted speed limit on freeways as very or extremely dangerous.
- Even though the respondents viewed speeding as dangerous, they admitted to doing it anyway.
- In fact, 49% of drivers said they had exceeded the speed limit by 15 mph on a freeway in the past month, and 36% reported exceeding the speed limit by 10 mph on a residential street. *(Source: AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, 2024).*
- The Insurance Institute of Highway Safety's June 2024 survey found that "about three fourths of respondents agreed ISA would reduce speeding-related crashes. Over 60% agreed that ISA with an advisory warning would be acceptable or kept turned on." *(Source: Insurance Institute of Highway Safety's June 2024)*

- Furthermore, about half of drivers said they would be fine if the technology automatically restricted speed or made the accelerator harder to press.
- Speeding doesn't just put a driver and his or her passengers at risk, it threatens everyone on and around the roads. Of those killed in speeding-related crashes nationwide in 2021, 599 were pedestrians and 84 were bicyclists.
- We can't afford to let gross speed violators and repeat offenders put more lives at risk.
- AAA supports active intelligent speed assistance technology as an innovative way to address and limit this dangerous behavior behind the wheel.
- **For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Committee to give HB 1139 a favorable report.**

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