



HB1139 – Motor Vehicles - Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program - Establishment

Environment & Transportation Committee

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Position: Favorable

Greetings Chair and Members of the Committee,

Our mission is to promote bicycling, increase safety, improve conditions, and provide a voice for bicyclists in Maryland. We partner with advocacy organizations to promote vulnerable road user safety legislation on the state and county level and work with government agencies, including police departments, to develop policy and awareness campaigns that protect the rights and well-being of bicyclists and pedestrians in Maryland.

On behalf of the thousands of cyclists and pedestrians in Maryland and the organizations in our coalition, we ask for your favorable support of HB 1139.

According to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), "Studies clearly show that higher speeds result in greater impact at the time of a crash, which leads to more severe injuries and fatalities. For instance, a 2011 technical report published by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, "Impact Speed and a Pedestrian's Risk of Severe Injury or Death," found that the average risk of severe injury to a pedestrian increased with vehicle speed from 10% at 16 MPH, 25% at 23 MPH, 50% at 31 MPH, and higher at higher speeds.

In response, HB1139 would help in slowing down serial speeders, who clearly present a severe risk to other motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

The General Assembly has an opportunity to boost Maryland road safety by enacting HB1139. We request that the committee support the passage of HB1139.

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