



SafeRoadsMD

**Support HB 0182 – Motor
Vehicles – Speed Monitoring
Systems – Penalties**

MARYLAND COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY, INC.

URGES YOUR SUPPORT FOR HB 0182

February 19, 2025

TO:

Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Delegate Regina T. Boyce, Vice Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland General Assembly
250 & 251 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

FROM:

John Seng, Chair
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Re: Request for a Favorable Report on HB 0182 – Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Penalties

Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

Representing the Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety (SafeRoadsMD), I write today to urge you to issue a favorable report on House Bill 0182, “Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Penalties,” a critical step toward enhancing Maryland traffic safety by ensuring that penalties for speeding violations captured by speed monitoring systems are proportionate, effective and just.

Currently, Maryland law imposes a flat \$40 fine for all speed camera violations, whether a driver is speeding 12 mph or 40 mph over the posted legal limit.

This outdated, one-size-fits-all approach fails to distinguish between minor infractions and reckless endangerment. HB 0182 corrects this imbalance by implementing a graduated penalty system that aligns fines with the severity of the offense:

- **12–15 mph over the limit:** \$40
- **16–19 mph over the limit:** \$55
- **20–29 mph over the limit:** \$95
- **30–39 mph over the limit:** \$180
- **40+ mph over the limit:** \$350

The strategy inherent in HB 0182 is **decidedly fair, evidence-based and long overdue**. The legislation's design ensures that minor violations are treated proportionally, while serious speeding—especially the type that causes catastrophic crashes—is met with appropriately stronger consequences. Studies have consistently shown that **higher penalties for severe infractions are more effective in deterring reckless speeding, ultimately saving lives**.

HB 0182 also maintains the existing uniform citation system managed by the District Court, ensuring that enforcement remains consistent and transparent.

This bill is not just about increasing fines—it is about modernizing Maryland's approach to traffic safety, strengthening deterrence, and improving safeguards for every Maryland driver, cyclist, and pedestrian from the dangers of excessive speeding.

Given the clear safety benefits and the strong justification for updating this outdated penalty system, I respectfully urge the ENT Committee to **issue a favorable report on HB 0182 and move this vital legislation forward**.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to Maryland's road safety. We appreciate your leadership on this issue and look forward to your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Seng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Seng" clearly distinguishable.

John J. Seng
Chair
Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety, Inc.

cc: SafeRoadsMD Board