

Bill: HB 182 - Motor Vehicles - Speed Monitoring Systems - Penalties

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Committee: Environment and Transportation

Speaker: Wade Holland, Montgomery County Government, Vision Zero Initiative

Position: Favorable

Good afternoon Chair Korman and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

My name is Wade Holland and I am the Vision Zero Coordinator for Montgomery County.

I want to thank Delegate Stewart for sponsoring this needed update to automated speed enforcement penalties and bring the penalties more in line with the graduated fine schedule that already exists for officer initiated traffic stops.

A core tenant of Vision Zero is Safe Speeds. There are multiple tools in the toolbox to create safer speeds including speed humps, narrowing travel lanes, and traffic enforcement by police officers and automated means. My job as the Vision Zero Coordinator is to ensure our County has the tools in place and are utilized to their full effect to make our roads safer by design and create a culture of safety. We find that there is room for improvement in automated speed penalties to address extreme violators.

We currently have too wide of a gap between severe speed violations captured by a police officer versus automated enforcement. If a police officer pulls over a driver going 40 MPH or more in a school zone, the citation is \$1,000 and 5 points on the driver's license. For automated speed enforcement, the fine is \$40, no points, and the same penalty for going 12 or 112 over the speed limit. Increasing penalties to match the severity of the violation can have a deterrent effect and make our Safe Speed automated enforcement program even more successful in lowering speeds and saving lives.¹

We know speed kills and we need to hold egregious violators accountable. I urge a favorable report on HB 182.

¹ NHTSA, Countermeasures that Work, [Increasing Penalties](#).

Officer Issued Speed Citations to Driver

Fines and demerit points are higher for speed violations contributing to a crash.

Over the Speed Limit	Outside Work and School Zones	Work Zone	School Zone
1 to 9 MPH	\$80, 1 point	\$290, 1 point	\$120, 1 point
10 to 19 MPH	\$90, 2 points	\$300, 2 points	\$140, 2 points
20 to 29 MPH	\$160, 2 points	\$370, 2 points	\$270, 2 points
30 to 39 MPH	\$290, 5 points	\$500, 5 points	\$540, 5 points
40 MPH and over	\$530, 5 points	\$740, 5 points	\$1000, 5 points

Automated Speed Enforcement Civil Penalties to Registered Vehicle Owner

Demerit points are not assessed for automated speed violations.

Over the Speed Limit	Outside Work and School Zones	Work Zone	School Zone
0 to 11 MPH	\$0	\$0	\$0
12 to 15 MPH	\$40	\$60	\$40
16 to 19 MPH	\$40	\$80	\$40
20 to 29 MPH	\$40	\$140	\$40
30 to 39 MPH	\$40	\$270	\$40
40 MPH and over	\$40	\$500	\$40