



**PLEASE SUPPORT
HB 915**
“Motor Vehicles –
Out-of-State Drivers – Enforcement
(Out-of-State Driver Accountability Act)”

**MARYLAND COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY, INC.
URGES MD HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE SUPPORT FOR HB 915**

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TO:

Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Delegate Regina T. Boyce, Vice Chair
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Subject: Hold Maryland Roadway Violators from DC Accountable Via HB 915

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

Representing SafeRoadsMD and advocating for Marylanders, I encourage **your favorable report on House Bill 915 “Motor Vehicles – Out-of-State Drivers – Enforcement (Out-of-State Driver Accountability Act)”**



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On the whole, both District of Columbia and Maryland drivers rank extremely poorly in roadway safety nationwide. So when visitors from the Nation’s Capital drive into Maryland, they shouldn’t rise above Maryland law enforcement on our roads. (Marylanders can’t get away with that in DC.)

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HB 915 is essential to ensuring fair and effective enforcement of Maryland’s traffic laws, particularly with DC drivers who evade accountability for violations committed on our roads.

As it stands, Marylanders are expected to pay their traffic citations, while **some out-of-state drivers, particularly those from Washington, D.C., exploit loopholes** to avoid consequences. The District of Columbia has already enacted the STEER Act, which allows its Attorney General to take civil action against **Maryland residents** for unpaid traffic violations in D.C. **HB 915 ensures that Maryland wins the same ability to hold D.C. drivers accountable.**

This bill does not target people acting in good faith. Civil action cannot be pursued if a ticket is being contested, has been paid, is not yet due, or is under a payment plan. Instead, the Bill addresses chronic offenders who ignore citations, placing Maryland drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists at risk.

Why HB 915 Is Necessary:

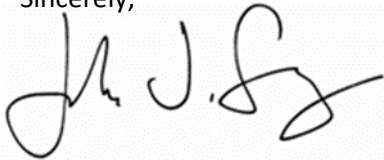
- **Ensures Reciprocity** – Just as Marylanders must comply with D.C.’s traffic laws, D.C. drivers should do the same in Maryland.
- **Promotes Road Safety** – *Unpaid citations enable reckless driving*, undermining Maryland’s Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2030.
- **Strengthens Enforcement** – County and municipal enforcement programs will track and report **out-of-state violations from DC**, ensuring greater oversight and accountability.
- **Fairness for Marylanders** – All drivers, regardless of residence, should be **held to the same legal standard** when using Maryland’s roads.

HB 915 is a **common-sense measure** that **closes enforcement gaps, enhances public safety, and ensures fairness.** Maryland drivers are held accountable for their actions on the road—**out-of-state drivers should be, too.**

SafeRoadsMD requests your support for **HB 915** and advocates for its passage.

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce and members of ENT, thank you for your time and dedication to making Maryland’s roads safer. We welcome any opportunity to discuss this further and appreciate your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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cc: SafeRoadsMD Board