



House Bill 343

Motor Vehicles - Speed Monitoring Systems - Statements and Certificates of Violations

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**

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Committee

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The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS** HB 343. This bill would allow county law enforcement agencies to add, as they see fit, a trained technician to the pool of employees who are able to sign the statement alleging a violation as evidenced by a speed monitoring system.

This bill gives law enforcement agencies the flexibility to have a sworn officer or a trained employee sign speed camera violation statements. This authority is already granted to local agencies when reviewing red light camera and school bus camera citations. In those circumstances, the ability to dedicate employees, sworn or otherwise, to tasks according to specific skill sets, time constraints, and need has improved efficiency. Additionally, vacancy issues within the public safety workforce are contributing to dangerously low numbers of officers available in the community. Civilian employees, with the necessary expertise to sign these statements, will leave more officers in the community at a time when all jurisdictions are experiencing precarious staffing shortfalls in public safety.

HB 343 would authorize law enforcement agencies to delegate tasks thoughtfully and effectively, enhancing workforce utility across the entire agency. For this reason, MACo **SUPPORTS** HB 343 and urges a **FAVORABLE** report.