

March 27, 2025

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.  
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

***RE: Letter of Information – House Bill 915 – Motor Vehicles - Out-of-State Drivers –  
Automated Enforcement (Out-of-State Driver Accountability Act)***

Dear Chair Smith and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on House Bill 915 and offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

HB 915 would require the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) to create a repository of moving violation citations assessed in Maryland by automated traffic enforcement (AE) systems against vehicles with out-of-state registration.

With the increasing reliance on AE systems to enforce vehicle laws, citations written by law enforcement have decreased significantly over the past decade. In Maryland, each jurisdiction or its vendor operates AE systems and maintains its own records of violations, including captured vehicle speeds. While the State can track certain metrics with written citations, there is no independent, single repository for AE citations. The only information submitted to the MVA are requests to flag that vehicle's registration for unpaid citations. This is due to State privacy laws that prohibit the sharing of AE data beyond authorized agencies – presently, MVA is not included in this list. The MVA MHSO oversees Statewide Vision Zero efforts with the goal of zero roadway deaths in Maryland by 2030; access to the full set of data would assist with analyzing this dangerous driving behavior and making recommendations to continue to reduce fatalities in Maryland. An amendment to HB 915 that ensures the MVA is authorized to receive AE data of all offenders will provide access to vital traffic safety information to a proven custodian of sensitive data.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the Committee consider this information when deliberating House Bill 915.

Respectfully submitted,

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