



AAA Mid-Atlantic's Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 381 Motor Vehicles - Automated Enforcement Programs - Privacy Protections

Sponsor: Senator Love

- AAA Mid-Atlantic supports [SB 381 - Motor Vehicles - Automated Enforcement Programs - Privacy Protections](#) because it will protect the privacy of drivers, who are cited through an automated enforcement camera.
- SB 381 will prohibit "State and local agencies from using a recorded image or associated data from an automated enforcement system without a warrant, subpoena, or court order unless the use is for an appropriate traffic enforcement purpose."
- The bill further provides for proper disposal of the recorded images.
- AAA Mid-Atlantic has been supportive of Maryland's automated speed enforcement systems for two decades, working with the legislature in 2005 to launch Maryland's first pilot program for automated speed enforcement in residential areas and school zones in Montgomery County.
- AAA recognizes the role that automated enforcement can play in improving safety for motorists, pedestrians, and other road users by improving compliance with red lights, speed limits, and other traffic control devices.
- However, AAA believes that automated enforcement must be used as part of a comprehensive traffic safety strategy and that the legitimate privacy rights of individuals must be protected, including the destruction of photos as quickly as practical.
- Automated enforcement programs and the data contained from citations issued through those programs should be "for law enforcement use only" and not be subject to public or Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests in non-criminal cases.
- We support the use of automated enforcement systems that are fair and reasonable, don't undermine or violate the public trust, and are safety-based.
- AAA Mid-Atlantic remains committed to the safety of all road users and believe SB 381 will ensure that the privacy of drivers is protected.
- For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Committee to give **SB 381 a favorable report.**

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