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Testimony: HB915 - Motor Vehicles - Out-of-State Drivers - Automated Enforcement
(Out-of-State Driver Accountability Act)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings Committee

Hearing Date: March 27, 2025

Position: Favorable

Good afternoon Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee. For the record, I am Delegate Linda Foley and am presenting HB915 - Motor Vehicles - Out-of-State Drivers - Automated Enforcement (Out-of-State Driver Accountability Act).

Originally, this piece of legislation was modeled after a part of the DC STEER Act, which passed the DC Council in 2024. While the DC STEER Act has a broader mandate, the original bill brought before the Environment and Transportation committee focused on the ability of the Attorney General or State's Attorney to be able to take action against a driver or vehicle with specific unpaid motor vehicle violations.

In the House, this bill was amended to remove the enforcement mechanism and now this bill solely focuses on reporting.

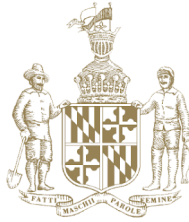
In a June 2023 report by WBAL-TV, they investigated how many out-of-state drivers are not paying their speeding tickets from speed cameras on I-83 here in Maryland. Data from the Baltimore City Department of Transportation indicated that 43% of out-of-state drivers did not pay their tickets, yet there are no tools for the State to go after these drivers.

To give a sense of the sheer number of tickets we are talking about -- between July 13, 2022 to March 31, 2023 around 237,000 speeding tickets were issued on I-83 alone, according to the WBAL-TV study. Of these, 51,000 were for out-of-state drivers with more than 22,000 remaining unpaid at the time of the investigation.

Currently, our State does not enable uniform collection of data, meaning data is kept in over 100 local jurisdictions across our state. This makes it hard to determine how many unpaid tickets from automated enforcement cameras exist at any given point.

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This bill requires each county and municipality to submit a quarterly report that includes information regarding the citations to all out-of-state drivers to see if they are paid or past their due date.

HB915 is an important step forward in better understanding the state of outstanding automated enforcement tickets. For these reasons, I urge a favorable report on HB915.