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## **Summary Report**

**Bill Title:** Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland Route 210

**Bill Number:** PG 306–25

**Sponsors:** Prince George's County Delegation – Del. Valderrama

### **Summary:**

This bill seeks to amend existing laws related to speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 (Piscataway Highway) in Prince George's County. It proposes increasing civil penalties for speed violations recorded by these systems based on the severity of the violation and the frequency of repeat offenses. Additionally, the bill removes the termination provision that would have ended the authorization to use speed monitoring systems on this roadway in 2028, making the program permanent. Del. Valderrama wants to emphasize that this bill does not create additional speed monitoring systems on Rt 210, she wants to save lives and change behavior.

### **Key Provisions:**

#### **1. Increased Civil Penalties:**

- The bill establishes a tiered penalty structure for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems based on how much the driver exceeds the posted speed limit:
  - 12–15 mph over: \$60
  - 16–19 mph over: \$80
  - 20–29 mph over: \$140
  - 30–39 mph over: \$270
  - 40+ mph over: \$500
- Additional penalties apply for repeat offenses within a two-year period:
  - Second offense: \$50
  - Third offense: \$150
  - Fourth offense: \$250

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- Fifth offense: \$300
  - Sixth or subsequent offense: \$350
2. **Repeal of Termination Provision:**
    - The bill removes the sunset clause that would have abrogated the authorization for speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 on September 30, 2028.
  3. **Implementation Date:**
    - If enacted, the provisions of the bill will take effect on October 1, 2025.

**Implications:**

1. **Public Safety:**
  - Increased penalties may act as a stronger deterrent to speeding, potentially reducing accidents and saving lives.
2. **Enforcement and Administration:**
  - The enhanced penalty structure will require updates to citation processes and additional coordination with the District Court for the prescribed forms and procedures.
3. **Revenue Implications:**
  - Higher fines and repeat offense penalties could increase revenues collected through speed monitoring citations. However, the primary focus remains on behavioral modification rather than revenue generation.