



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

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Committee: Senate Judicial Proceedings

Bill: SB 118 - Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Penalties

Position: Favorable

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) supports Senate Bill 118 as it sets a graduated fine system for speed camera violations, charging the vehicle owner more as their recorded speed increases. Speed cameras are a proven tool to reduce vehicular speeding and the provisions of this bill could improve their efficacy even further.

This bill establishes five fine levels for speed camera violations, each corresponding to a range of vehicle speed over the speed limit. Each successive tier represents higher vehicle speeds and results in a higher fine. SB 118 is modeled after HB 513 from 2024, that instituted a similar framework for work zone speed cameras. This graduated fine system targets egregious speeders with the highest fines; with the goal to use monetary disincentives to curb reckless driving.

Senate Bill 118 is written to only alter the fine level for speed cameras in school zones statewide and residential zones in three counties. It is important to note that the fine revenue from speed cameras that local governments receive must be spent on public safety or traffic safety purposes.

The provisions of SB 118 aim to make our roads safer. Municipal government officials hear about roadway safety concerns from their residents and speed cameras are a proven method to reduce reckless driving. For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that the committee provide Senate Bill 118 with a favorable report.

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