



## TESTIMONY

**COMMITTEE:** House Environment and Transportation

**DATE:** March 12, 2026

**POSITION:** Favorable

**BILL:** HB 1522

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) supports House Bill 1522, Traffic Control Signal Monitoring and Speed Monitoring Systems - Exemptions From Liability - Vehicle Rental Companies.

HB 1522 closes a loophole in the red light and speed camera systems. Currently rental cars and dealership vehicles are exempt from the definition of “owner,” which effectively excludes them from receiving red light and speed camera citations. The bill removes this exemption so rental cars and dealership vehicles will be subject to receiving red light or speed cameras citations.

There are several benefits to treating rental cars and dealership vehicles like other vehicles owners. First, it promotes roadway safety by holding those violators accountable through monetary fines and mandatory roadway signage. Second, it encourages fairness by treating rental cars and dealership vehicles the same as other vehicles in this context. Third, it allows the State and local governments that operate automated traffic enforcement systems to recoup lost revenue that is currently going unpaid by violators who are driving exempt vehicles.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that the committee provide House Bill 1522 with a favorable report.

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*52 municipal governments operate roughly 300 speed cameras across the State.*