



TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE: House Environment and Transportation

DATE: March 5, 2026

POSITION: Favorable

BILL: HB 1408

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) supports House Bill 1408: Motor Vehicles - Automated Traffic Enforcement Systems - Impoundment.

HB 1408 provides local governments with another tool to promote accountability among road users, by permitting, under certain circumstances, a law enforcement agency to impound a vehicle to which three or more automated traffic enforcement (ATE) device citations are noted as unpaid past due beyond 30 days. This is a procedure that local law enforcement agencies can accommodate with existing resources.

Unpaid ATE device citations are a problem as it demonstrates perceived indifference of roadway safety rules by the driver. Allowing law enforcement agencies to impound a vehicle, per the process laid out in the bill, will advance traffic law compliance. For local governments that operate ATE systems, this is an opportunity to recoup lost fines from repeat offenders who are a safety hazard to the community.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that the committee provide House Bill 1408 with a favorable report.

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