



TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE: House Environment and Transportation

DATE: February 5, 2026

POSITION: Favorable with Amendments

BILL: HB 8

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) supports House Bill 8, with amendment.

HB 8 creates a “Dangerous Driver Abatement Program” within the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), which would place additional requirements on vehicle owners who are captured in violation of automated traffic enforcement (ATE) devices.

Typically, the creation of a new program in a State agency typically would not result in MML taking a formal position; however this bill impacts municipal governments that operate ATE devices. Specifically, under the bill MVA would send a letter to the vehicle owner who was caught in violation by an ATE and include in the letter details about the violations (date, location, and number and type of violation) that would need to be provided by the local government operating the ATE device. The bill is unclear in how this information will be exchanged. Currently, many municipal governments do not track repeat offenders of ATE devices, and certainly not on an ongoing basis. This would add significant administrative burden to operate these traffic calming devices.

MML amendment 1: Add after page 5, line 23 “(D) The program applies only to automated traffic enforcement devices listed in 21–8A–01 of this article that are operated by the State.”

If a local government exemption is not feasible, please consider amendment 2.

MML amendment 2: Add after page 6, line 20 “The information needed to carry out this section shall be provided by the entity that operates an automated traffic enforcement devices listed in 21–8A–01 in an annual report due by December 31 of each year.”

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests an amendment to exempt local governments or to dictate the information needed to carry out the program is to be shared through an annual report. With that amendment, the League respectfully requests that the committee provide House Bill 8 with a favorable report.

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