



## TESTIMONY

**COMMITTEE:** Senate Judicial Proceedings

**DATE:** January 21, 2026

**POSITION:** Favorable

**BILL:** SB 173

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) supports Senate Bill 173.

SB 173 authorizes the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to enter into agreements with other states for the purpose of reciprocal enforcement of automated traffic enforcement violations.

Out-of-state drivers who are caught by various types of automated traffic enforcement devices, such as speed or red-light cameras, in violation of Maryland traffic laws are a danger to those that use public roadways. Due to the shape of the state of Maryland combined with commuting and tourist patterns, many out-of-state drivers use Maryland roads on a daily basis.

Allowing the MVA to pursue reciprocal agreements will have several benefits. First, it promotes roadway safety by holding those violators accountable through monetary fines. Second, it encourages fairness by treating in-state and out-of-state drivers the same in this context. Third, it allows the State and local governments that operate automated traffic enforcement systems to recoup lost revenue.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that the committee provide Senate Bill 173 with a favorable report.

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*Roughly 10% of the State's lane miles are in municipalities, which make up less than 5% of the land area.*