



AAA's Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 173
Vehicle Laws – Automated Enforcement – Reciprocal Agreements,
Arrangements, and Declarations

Sponsor: Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

- AAA supports **SB 173 - Vehicle Laws – Automated Enforcement – Reciprocal Agreements, Arrangements, and Declarations**, giving the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administrator the authority to establish reciprocal agreements with other jurisdictions to enforce violations recorded by traffic control signal monitoring systems and speed monitoring systems.
- AAA strongly favors interstate cooperation that allows states to share driver licensing information and traffic violation convictions.
- In particular, AAA endorses the **Nonresident Violator Compact**, which provides a uniform system for handling moving violations committed by out-of-state drivers.
- It minimizes inconvenience for nonresident violators; while protecting motorists' rights by ensuring they will be subject to the same traffic laws as state residents.
- AAA has long supported Maryland's automated speed enforcement systems, working with the legislature in 2005 to launch Maryland's first pilot program for automated speed enforcement in residential areas and school zones in Montgomery County.
- AAA believes that automated enforcement, when utilized as part of a comprehensive traffic safety strategy, changes driver behavior.
- However, drivers who receive citations should be required to pay those fines, whether the ticket was issued by a police officer or automated enforcement, regardless of state residency.
- A [report](#) issued by local advocacy group, Bikemore found that in 2024, 10 "super speeders" in Baltimore were responsible for 1,117 speed camera citations in 2024, owing more than \$81,000 in unpaid Baltimore City traffic citations. Six of the 10 cars cited multiple times at a high rate of speed had out-of-state (Virginia) tags.
- Last year, nearly \$1.2 million in fines issued by Baltimore speed cameras were handed to drivers from Virginia — over 90 percent of which had not yet been paid, according to citation data published by the city in August 2025. (Source: [Baltimore Sun](#))
- Because Maryland currently lacks reciprocity agreements for automated enforcement violations, out-of-state violators can speed and run red lights without fear of repercussion, putting all road users at risk.

- AAA recognizes the role that automated enforcement can play in improving safety and believes out-of-state violators must be held equally accountable.
- For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Committee to give **SB 173 favorable report**.

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