

Judicial Proceedings Committee  
SB 173: Vehicle Laws - Automated Enforcement - Reciprocal Agreements,  
Arrangements, and Declarations  
Presented on Behalf of Jenoptik  
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Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to support SB 173, a departmental bill that authorizes the Motor Vehicle Administrator to make an agreement, arrangement, or declaration with the authorized representative of any other jurisdiction to allow reciprocal enforcement of violations recorded by traffic control signal monitoring systems (i.e., red light cameras) and speed monitoring systems (i.e., speed cameras) between the State and the other jurisdiction. Any such agreement, arrangement, or declaration may authorize the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to refuse to register or reregister a motor vehicle. The bill also alters the State policy regarding the promotion and encouragement of reciprocal enforcement efforts by specifying that such cooperation also contributes to the safety of the State.

We do have some suggestions for additional action to strengthen enforcement:

- Currently the legislation states “refuse to register or reregister”; we suggest an amendment to state “refuse to register or register, authorize suspension of a current registration, or revoke a registration”. We urge the Department and Committee to consider additional enforcement mechanisms.
- We would also ask that the Committee consider that any jurisdiction in the state should be able to apply to the MVA Administrator to suspend the registration for any vehicle that has an automated enforcement ticket that is more than 90 days past due.

As an example, Jenoptik serves as the provider for Prince George’s County - a County that obviously is impacted by out-of-state repeat offenders. Our advanced speed monitoring technology provides accurate, reliable, and fair enforcement, ensuring that only legitimate violations are cited. Yet while we can provide data that identifies the need for additional penalties and reciprocity, only a change in Maryland law can provide the tool. We urge the committee to give this bill a favorable report and support its passage to improve SB173. Thank you for your time and consideration. We are happy to work with our engineers to answer any technical questions you may have regarding the technology.

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