

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 24-003

Brief Title (Heights Monitoring)

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Acting [Signature]
Council Administrator
Date March 19, 2024

ENROLLED

[Signature]
Council President
Date 3/19/24

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 24-010

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

Acting [Signature]
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 20th
Day of March 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Acting [Signature]
Council Administrator



BY THE EXECUTIVE

[Signature]
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date 3/21/24

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill No. 24-003 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on March 21, 2024.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 20, 2024

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 24-003

Introduced by Council Member Jacob Bennett

Legislative Day No. 24-006 Date February 13, 2024

AN ACT to add new Article VIII, Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems, to Chapter 244, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to enforce certain State and local laws restricting the presence of certain vehicles during certain times; defining certain terms; subject to certain standards, procedures, requirements, and limitations; exempting certain vehicles from enforcement; authorizing certain civil penalties for violations; and authorizing the adoption of regulations to carry out the provisions of this act; and generally relating to the vehicle height monitoring system.

By the Council, February 13, 2024

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: March 12, 2024

at: 6:30 PM

By Order: *Mylin A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on March 12, 2024, and concluded on March 12, 2024.

Mylin A. Dixon, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland, that new Article VIII, Height Monitoring Systems, be, and it is hereby, added to Chapter 244, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Harford County Code, as amended, all to read as follows:

Chapter 244. Vehicles and Traffic

ARTICLE VIII. VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS

§ 244-29. DEFINITIONS.

A. DEFINITIONS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEM – HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 24-111.3 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

ENABLING LAW – MEANS § 24-111.3 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

§ 244-30. USE OF THE VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEM.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENABLING LAW, THE COUNTY MAY USE AND ENFORCE CITATIONS ISSUED FROM VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS WITHIN THE COUNTY.

§ 244-31. GOVERNING STANDARDS

A. IN GENERAL

A VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEM MAY NOT BE USED EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE PREREQUISITES, STANDARDS, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, LIMITATIONS, AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF;

(1) THE STATE ENABLING LAW; AND

(2) THIS ARTICLE AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED

PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

B. NO MORE THAN SIX (6) VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS MAY BE
OPERATIONAL AT ANY ONE TIME.

§ 244-32. EXEMPTIONS OF ENFORCEMENT

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE TYPES ARE EXEMPT FROM ENFORCEMENT BY A
VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEM;

- (A) SCHOOL BUSES;
- (B) PUBLIC TRANSIT VEHICLES;
- (C) EMERGENCY VEHICLES;
- (D) GOVERNMENT VEHICLES;
- (E) UTILITY AND HOME ENERGY COMPANY VEHICLES;
- (F) COMMERCIAL TRANSIT VEHICLES;
- (G) WELL DRILLING TRUCKS;
- (H) MOVING COMPANY VEHICLES;
- (I) SEPTIC SERVICE TRUCKS;
- (J) TREE SERVICE TRUCKS;
- (K) TRASH AND RECYCLING TRUCKS; AND
- (L) PACKAGE DELIVERY VEHICLES.

§ 244-33. ENFORCEMENT

A. A VIOLATION RECORDED BY A VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEM IS
SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY AS PROVIDE IN THE STATE ENABLING LAW.

B. THE HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND ITS DEPUTIES ARE
AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES CONSISTENT WITH THE

1 STATE ENABLING LAW.

2 C. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY ADOPT
3 REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE.

4 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the
5 date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: May 20, 2024

*The Council Administrator does hereby
certify that fifteen (7) copies of this Bill are
immediately available for distribution to the
public and the press.*

Mylia A. Dixon

Council Administrator