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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session — Legislative Day No. 9

Bill No. 51 -2025

Introduced by: Liz Walsh

SHORT TITLE: Speed Monitoring Systems-Removal of Limitation on Number of Speed Monitoring Systems

AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to remove the limit on the number of Speed Monitoring Systems permitted within a designated school zone and generally related to Speed Monitoring Systems in Howard County.

Introduced and read first time June 2, 2025. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on June 16, 2025.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on July 7, 2025 and Passed ✓, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 8 day of July, 2025 at 5:00 a.m./p.m.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive July 8, 2025

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

Section 1. Be It Enacted *by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard County Code is amended as follows:*

By amending:

Title 21. -. "Traffic Control and Transportation"

Subtitle 6. -. "Speed Monitoring Systems"

Section 21.601. -. "Authority to use speed monitoring systems; use of fines."

Title 21 - Traffic Control and Transportation

Subtitle 6. – Speed Monitoring Systems

Sec. 21.601. – Authority to use speed monitoring systems; use of fines.

(a) In accordance with section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Howard County Department of Police may:

(1) Use **[[**up to eight**]]** speed monitoring systems for the purpose of determining the speed of a vehicle traveling within a designated school zone; and

(2) Issue civil citations to vehicle owners based upon the speed recorded by the recorded image of the speed monitoring system.

(b) In accordance with section 7-302 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, regarding fines collected as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems, the County may:

(1) Recover the costs of implementing and administering the speed monitoring systems; and

(2) Subject to section 7-302(e)(4)(ii) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, spend any remaining balance solely for public safety purposes, including pedestrian safety programs.

(c) Any citation issued under this section shall include:

(1) Information about the right to a trial and to have the speed monitoring system operator present at the trial; and

(2) How to request that the speed monitoring system operator be present at the trial.

(d) If a citation is issued on the basis of speed indicated by a flashing light, the speed system operator must verify that the flashing lights are operating properly.

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted *by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on July 8, 2025.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on _____, 2025.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____, 2025.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on _____, 2025.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on _____, 2025.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on _____, 2025.

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Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council