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By: Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Safety Corridors**
3 **(Vulnerable Road User Protection Act of 2026)**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Highway Administration to implement a program
5 of safety corridor speed monitoring systems for use in areas determined to be of high
6 risk to vulnerable road users; authorizing a local jurisdiction to use speed monitoring
7 systems in safety corridors under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
8 the use of speed monitoring systems in safety corridors.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
11 Section 4–401(13), 7–301(a)(1) and (f)(1), 7–302(e)(1), (2), and (3)(i), and 10–311(b)
12 and (h)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
17 Section 7–301(f)(2) and 7–302(e)(4)(i)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Article – General Provisions
22 Section 4–321
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Insurance
Section 11–215(e) and 11–318(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Transportation
7 Section 12–113.1(b), 12–118(c), 21–809(b)(1)(vi), 26–305(a), and 26–401
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 12–113.1(c)(1), 21–101(a), and 21–809(a)(1) and (9) and (b)(1)(i)1. and (v)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Transportation
17 Section 12–118(f), 21–101(t–1), and 21–810.1
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

23 4-401.

Except as provided in § 4–402 of this subtitle, and subject to the venue provisions of Title 6 of this article, the District Court has exclusive original civil jurisdiction in:

(13) A proceeding for a civil infraction under § 21-202.1, § 21-704.1, § 21-706.1, § 21-707.1, § 21-809, § 21-810, **§ 21-810.1**, § 21-1134, § 22-612, or § 24-111.3 of the Transportation Article or § 10-112 of the Criminal Law Article;

29 7-301.

30 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the
31 court costs in a traffic case, including parking and impounding cases, cases under §
32 21-202.1, § 21-809, § 21-810, **§ 21-810.1**, § 21-1414, or § 24-111.3 of the Transportation
33 Article in which costs are imposed, and cases under § 10-112 of the Criminal Law Article
34 in which costs are imposed:

35 (i) Are \$22.50; and

(ii) Shall also be applicable to those cases in which the defendant elects to waive the defendant's right to trial and pay the fine or penalty deposit established by the Chief Judge of the District Court by administrative regulation.

4 (f) (1) This subsection does not apply to a traffic case under § 21–202.1,
5 § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, or § 21–1414 of the Transportation Article or to a parking
6 or impounding case.

(2) In a traffic case under subsection (a)(1) of this section the court shall add a \$7.50 surcharge to any fine imposed by the court.

9 7-302.

10 (e) (1) (i) A citation issued under § 21-202.1, § 21-706.1, § 21-707.1, §
11 21-809, § 21-810, **§ 21-810.1**, § 21-1134, § 22-612, or § 24-111.3 of the Transportation
12 Article shall provide that the person receiving the citation may elect to stand trial by
13 notifying the issuing agency of the person's intention to stand trial at least 5 days before
14 the date of payment as set forth in the citation.

(2) (i) A citation issued as the result of any of the following systems or cameras controlled by a political subdivision shall provide that, in an uncontested case, the penalty shall be paid directly to that political subdivision:

1. A vehicle height monitoring system;
 2. A traffic control signal monitoring system;
 3. A speed monitoring system;
 4. A work zone speed control system;
 5. A stop sign monitoring system;
 6. A school bus monitoring camera;
 7. A bus lane monitoring system; or
 8. A noise abatement monitoring system.

(ii) A citation issued as the result of any of the following systems or cameras controlled by a political subdivision shall provide that, in a contested case, the penalty shall be paid directly to the District Court:

1. A vehicle height monitoring system;
 2. A traffic control signal monitoring system;
 3. A speed monitoring system;
 4. A work zone speed control system;
 5. A stop sign monitoring system;
 6. A school bus monitoring camera;
 7. A bus lane monitoring system; or
 8. A noise abatement monitoring system.

(iii) A citation issued as the result of any of the following systems or cameras controlled by a State agency shall provide that, in an uncontested or contested case, the penalty shall be paid directly to the District Court:

1. A traffic control signal monitoring system;
 2. A work zone speed control system;
 3. **A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM;**
 4. A speed monitoring system; or

[4.] 5. A bus lane monitoring system.

(3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph, and paragraph (6) of this subsection, civil penalties resulting from citations issued using a vehicle height monitoring system, traffic control signal monitoring system, speed monitoring system, work zone speed control system, **SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM**, stop sign monitoring system, school bus monitoring camera, bus lane monitoring system, or a noise abatement monitoring system that are collected by the District Court shall be collected in accordance with subsection (a) of this section and distributed in accordance with § 12-118 of the Transportation Article.

(4) (i) Except as provided in paragraphs (5) and (6) of this subsection, from the fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, stop sign monitoring systems, school

1 bus monitoring cameras, bus lane monitoring systems, or noise abatement monitoring
2 systems, a political subdivision:

3 1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering
4 the speed monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, stop sign monitoring
5 systems, school bus monitoring cameras, bus lane monitoring systems, or noise abatement
6 monitoring systems; and

7 2. Subject to subparagraphs (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this
8 paragraph, may spend any remaining balance solely for public safety purposes, including
9 pedestrian or highway safety programs.

10 10–311.

11 (b) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a speed monitoring system
12 in accordance with § 21–809 [or], § 21–810, OR **§ 21–810.1** of the Transportation Article is
13 admissible in a proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a
14 violation of Title 21, Subtitle 8 of the Transportation Article without authentication.

15 (h) In any other judicial proceeding, a recorded image produced by a vehicle
16 height monitoring system, traffic control signal monitoring system, speed monitoring
17 system, work zone speed control system, **SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING**
18 **SYSTEM**, stop sign monitoring system, school bus monitoring camera, or bus lane
19 monitoring system or a recorded image and any relevant recorded audio produced by a noise
20 abatement monitoring system in conjunction with a noise measuring device is admissible
21 as otherwise provided by law.

22 Article – General Provisions

23 4–321.

24 (a) In this section, “recorded image” or “recorded images” has the meaning stated
25 in § 21–202.1, § 21–706.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, § 21–1134, § 22–612, or §
26 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article.

27 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a custodian shall deny
28 inspection of recorded images produced by:

29 (1) a traffic control signal monitoring system operated under § 21–202.1 of
30 the Transportation Article;

31 (2) an automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system operated
32 under § 21–704.1 of the Transportation Article;

33 (3) a school bus monitoring camera operated under § 21–706.1 of the
34 Transportation Article;

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1 (4) a stop sign monitoring system operated under § 21–707.1 of the
2 Transportation Article;

3 (5) a speed monitoring system operated under § 21–809 of the
4 Transportation Article;

5 (6) a work zone speed control system operated under § 21–810 of the
6 Transportation Article;

7 **(7) A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATED
8 UNDER § 21–810.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;**

9 **(8)** a bus lane monitoring system operated under § 21–1134 of the
10 Transportation Article;

11 **[(8)] (9)** a noise abatement monitoring system operated under § 22–612
12 of the Transportation Article; or

13 **[(9)] (10)** a vehicle height monitoring system operated under § 24–111.3 of
14 the Transportation Article.

15 (c) A custodian shall allow inspection of recorded images:

16 (1) as required in § 12–113.1, § 21–202.1, § 21–704.1, § 21–706.1, §
17 21–707.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, § 21–1134, § 22–612, or § 24–111.3 of the
18 Transportation Article;

19 (2) by any person issued a citation under § 21–202.1, § 21–704.1, §
20 21–706.1, § 21–707.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, § 21–1134, § 22–612, or § 24–111.3
21 of the Transportation Article, or by an attorney of record for the person; or

22 (3) by an employee or agent of an agency in an investigation or a proceeding
23 relating to the imposition of or indemnification from civil liability under § 21–202.1, §
24 21–704.1, § 21–706.1, § 21–707.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, § 21–1134, § 22–612, or
25 § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article.

26 **Article – Insurance**

27 11–215.

28 (e) For purposes of reclassifying an insured in a classification that entails a
29 higher premium, an insurer under an automobile insurance policy may not consider a
30 probation before judgment disposition of a motor vehicle law offense, a civil penalty imposed
31 pursuant to § 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, or § 24–111.3 of the
32 Transportation Article, or a first offense of driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or

more under § 16-205.1 of the Transportation Article on record with the Motor Vehicle Administration, as provided in § 16-117(b) of the Transportation Article.

3 11-318.

4 (e) For purposes of reclassifying an insured in a classification that entails a
5 higher premium, an insurer under an automobile insurance policy may not consider a
6 probation before judgment disposition of a motor vehicle law offense, a civil penalty imposed
7 pursuant to § 21-202.1, § 21-809, § 21-810, **§ 21-810.1**, or § 24-111.3 of the
8 Transportation Article, or a first offense of driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or
9 more under § 16-205.1 of the Transportation Article on record with the Motor Vehicle
10 Administration, as provided in § 16-117(b) of the Transportation Article.

Article – Transportation

12 12-113.1.

13 (b) This section applies to:

14 (1) Traffic control signal monitoring systems under § 21–202.1 of this
15 article;

(2) Automated railroad grade crossing enforcement systems under § 21-704.1 of this article;

(3) School bus monitoring cameras under § 21-706.1 of this article;

(4) Stop sign monitoring systems under § 21-707.1 of this article;

20 (5) Speed monitoring systems under § 21–809 of this article;

21 (6) Work zone speed control systems under § 21-810 of this article;

(7) SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS UN

(c) Das fane monitoring systems under § 21-1151 of this article;

[O] (3) Noise abatement monitoring systems under s 22(6)(c) of this article;

[9] (10) Vehicle height monitoring systems under § 24-111.5 of this article; and

29 [10] (11) Any other automated traffic enforcement system authorized
30 under State law.

1 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, an
2 agency may not access or use a recorded image or associated data without a warrant,
3 subpoena, or court order unless the access or use is for an appropriate traffic enforcement
4 purpose.

5 12–118.

6 (c) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)** of this
7 subsection, notwithstanding any other law and in addition to any other exceptions provided
8 by law, all costs, fines, penalties, and forfeitures received by or paid to the District Court
9 under the Maryland Vehicle Law shall be collected and remitted as provided in the Courts
10 Article.

11 (2) The Comptroller shall distribute revenue from the civil fines collected
12 through use of a work zone speed control system controlled by a State agency under §
13 21–810 of this article to a special fund, to be used only as provided in subsection (e) of this
14 section.

15 **(3) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE REVENUE FROM THE**
16 **CIVIL FINES COLLECTED THROUGH THE USE OF A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED**
17 **MONITORING SYSTEM CONTROLLED BY A STATE AGENCY UNDER § 21–810.1 OF THIS**
18 **ARTICLE TO A SPECIAL FUND TO BE USED ONLY AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF**
19 **THIS SECTION.**

20 **(F) (1) (I) MONEY IN THE SPECIAL FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER**
21 **SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED FIRST TO THE STATE**
22 **HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO COVER THE COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING AND**
23 **ADMINISTERING SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS.**

24 **(II) AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF**
25 **THIS PARAGRAPH, THE REMAINING BALANCE SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE**
26 **TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND FOR:**

27 1. **HIGHWAY SAFETY PURPOSES; AND**
28 2. **STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM**
29 **PRESERVATION.**

30 **(2) MONEY DISTRIBUTED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**
31 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT**
32 **INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE**
33 **APPROPRIATED FOR THE USES DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
34 **SUBSECTION.**

1 21–101.

2 (a) In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the meanings
3 indicated.

4 **(T-1) “SAFETY CORRIDOR” MEANS A SEGMENT OF A HIGHWAY THAT IS**
5 **IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AS AN AREA OF HIGH RISK**
6 **TO VULNERABLE ROAD USERS IN A VULNERABLE ROAD USER SAFETY ASSESSMENT**
7 **PREPARED UNDER 23 U.S.C. § 148.**

8 21–809.

9 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

10 (9) “Speed monitoring system” means a device with one or more motor
11 vehicle sensors producing recorded images of motor vehicles traveling at speeds at least 12
12 miles per hour above the posted speed limit.

13 (b) (1) (i) 1. A speed monitoring system may not be used by a local
14 jurisdiction under this section unless its use is authorized by the governing body of the local
15 jurisdiction by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing.

16 (v) An ordinance or resolution adopted by the governing body of a
17 local jurisdiction under this paragraph shall provide that, if the local jurisdiction moves or
18 places a mobile or stationary speed monitoring system to or at a location where a speed
19 monitoring system had not previously been moved or placed, the local jurisdiction may not
20 issue a citation for a violation recorded by that speed monitoring system:

21 1. Until signage is installed in accordance with
22 subparagraph (viii) of this paragraph; and

23 2. For at least the first 15 calendar days after the signage is
24 installed.

25 (vi) This section applies to a violation of this subtitle recorded by a
26 speed monitoring system that meets the requirements of this subsection and has been
27 placed:

28 1. In Anne Arundel County, Montgomery County, or Prince
29 George’s County, on a highway in a residential district, as defined in § 21–101 of this title,
30 with a maximum posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour, which speed limit was established
31 using generally accepted traffic engineering practices;

32 2. In a school zone with a posted speed limit of at least 20
33 miles per hour;

34 3. In Prince George’s County;

1 A. Subject to subparagraph (vii)1 of this paragraph, on
2 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway); or

3 B. On that part of a highway located within the grounds of
4 an institution of higher education as defined in § 10–101(h) of the Education Article, or
5 within one–half mile of the grounds of a building or property used by the institution of
6 higher education where generally accepted traffic and engineering practices indicate that
7 motor vehicle, pedestrian, or bicycle traffic is substantially generated or influenced by the
8 institution of higher education;

9 4. Subject to subparagraph (vii)2 of this paragraph, on
10 Interstate 83 in Baltimore City;

11 5. In Anne Arundel County, on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup
12 Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel
13 County–Howard County line;

14 6. Subject to subparagraph (vii)3 of this paragraph, at the
15 intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue in Talbot County;

16 7. Subject to subparagraph (vii)4 of this paragraph, by the
17 State Highway Administration on Interstate 83 in Baltimore County or on Interstate 695
18 in Baltimore County;

19 8. By the Maryland Transportation Authority on Maryland
20 Route 200 (Intercounty Connector) in Montgomery County; [or]

21 9. Subject to subparagraph (xii) of this paragraph, in
22 Montgomery County on a highway identified in the municipality's, county's, or State's most
23 recent Strategic Highway Safety Plan or Vision Zero Plan as a highway that is at high risk
24 for motor vehicle crashes that result in serious bodily injury or death; OR

25 **10. IN A SAFETY CORRIDOR BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION**
26 **ON:**

27 A. **A HIGHWAY UNDER ITS JURISDICTION; OR**

28 B. **A STATE HIGHWAY IF AUTHORIZED UNDER A PERMIT**
29 **ISSUED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 21–810.1 OF THIS**
30 **SUBTITLE.**

31 **21–810.1.**

32 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
33 **INDICATED.**

1 **(2) (I)** "OWNER" MEANS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A MOTOR
2 VEHICLE OR A LESSEE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER A LEASE OF 6 MONTHS OR
3 LONGER.

4 **(II)** "OWNER" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

5 1. A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL OR LEASING COMPANY;
6 OR

7 2. A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE
8 ISSUED UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 9, PART III OF THIS ARTICLE.

9 **(3)** "RECORDED IMAGE" MEANS AN IMAGE RECORDED BY A SPEED
10 MONITORING SYSTEM:

11 **(I)** ON:

12 1. A PHOTOGRAPH;
13 2. A MICROPHOTOGRAPH;
14 3. AN ELECTRONIC IMAGE;
15 4. VIDEOTAPE; OR
16 5. ANY OTHER MEDIUM; AND

17 **(II)** SHOWING:

18 1. THE REAR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE;
19 2. AT LEAST TWO TIME-STAMPED IMAGES OF THE
20 MOTOR VEHICLE THAT INCLUDE THE SAME STATIONARY OBJECT NEAR THE MOTOR
21 VEHICLE; AND

22 3. ON AT LEAST ONE IMAGE OR PORTION OF TAPE, A
23 CLEAR AND LEGIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF THE ENTIRE REGISTRATION PLATE
24 NUMBER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

25 **(4)** "SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM" MEANS A
26 SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM AS DEFINED UNDER § 21-809 OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT
27 IS PLACED AND USED IN A SAFETY CORRIDOR.

1 **(5) "SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR"**
2 MEANS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS
3 CONTRACTOR THAT OPERATES A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM.

4 **(6) (I) "VULNERABLE ROAD USER"** MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL ON A
5 HIGHWAY WHO IS NOT TRAVELING IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.

6 **(II) "VULNERABLE ROAD USER"** INCLUDES PEDESTRIANS,
7 BICYCLISTS, OTHER CYCLISTS, PERSONS USING A PERSONAL CONVEYANCE OR A
8 MOBILITY DEVICE SUCH AS A WHEELCHAIR, AND PERSONS ON FOOT IN A HIGHWAY
9 WORK ZONE.

10 **(B) (1) (I)** A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM THAT
11 MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY THE
12 STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND USED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY
13 ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR TO RECORD THE IMAGES OF MOTOR
14 VEHICLES TRAVELING ON A STATE HIGHWAY WITHIN A SAFETY CORRIDOR.

15 **(II)** THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY ISSUE A
16 PERMIT AUTHORIZING A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT OPERATES ITS OWN PROGRAM
17 OF SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS OR WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS TO
18 PLACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21-809 OF THIS SUBTITLE, SAFETY CORRIDOR
19 SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS ON STATE HIGHWAYS IN SAFETY CORRIDORS WITHIN
20 ITS JURISDICTION.

21 **(2) (I)** A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE
22 USED ONLY IF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND MANUAL ON UNIFORM
23 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, A CONSPICUOUS ROAD SIGN IS PLACED AT A
24 REASONABLE DISTANCE CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL GUIDELINES BEFORE THE
25 SAFETY CORRIDOR ALERTING DRIVERS THAT A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE
26 IN OPERATION IN THE SAFETY CORRIDOR.

27 **(II)** A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM
28 OPERATOR DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT IN PERSON OR REMOTELY AT THE
29 SAFETY CORRIDOR WHEN A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM IS IN
30 USE.

31 **(III)** A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE
32 A MOBILE UNIT OR A STATIONARY UNIT.

1 (3) A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE USED
2 ONLY TO RECORD THE IMAGES OF VEHICLES THAT ARE TRAVELING AT SPEEDS AT
3 LEAST 12 MILES PER HOUR ABOVE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT.

4 (4) (I) A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM SHALL
5 UNDERGO AN ANNUAL CALIBRATION CHECK PERFORMED BY AN INDEPENDENT
6 CALIBRATION LABORATORY.

7 (II) THE INDEPENDENT CALIBRATION LABORATORY SHALL
8 ISSUE A SIGNED CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION AFTER THE ANNUAL CALIBRATION
9 CHECK THAT:

10 1. SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE; AND

11 2. SHALL BE ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE IN ANY COURT
12 PROCEEDING FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

13 (5) IF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR
14 MOVES OR PLACES A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM TO OR AT A
15 SAFETY CORRIDOR WHERE A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM HAD
16 NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN MOVED OR PLACED WITHIN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, CITATIONS
17 MAY NOT BE ISSUED FOR A VIOLATION RECORDED BY THAT SAFETY CORRIDOR
18 SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM:

19 (I) UNTIL SIGNAGE IS INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
20 SUBSECTION; AND

21 (II) FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST 15 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE
22 SIGNAGE IS INSTALLED.

23 (6) THE PROCUREMENT OF OR RELATING TO A SAFETY CORRIDOR
24 SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE
25 CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE STATE FINANCE
26 AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

27 (7) THE PLACEMENT OF A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING
28 SYSTEM SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION:

29 (I) BASED ON AN ANALYSIS USING GENERALLY ACCEPTED
30 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING PRACTICES TO DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION IN
31 A SAFETY CORRIDOR, AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL
32 JURISDICTION; AND

(II) IN A MANNER THAT IS NOT REDUNDANT WITH A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

3 (c) (1) UNLESS THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE RECEIVED A
4 CITATION FROM A POLICE OFFICER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION, THE OWNER
5 OR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (F)(4) OF THIS SECTION, THE DRIVER OF A
6 MOTOR VEHICLE IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY IF AN IMAGE OF THE MOTOR
7 VEHICLE IS RECORDED BY A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM WHILE
8 BEING OPERATED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED:

10 (I) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE
11 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 12 AND 15, INCLUSIVE,
12 MILES PER HOUR, \$40;

1 (D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) THROUGH (4) OF THIS
2 SUBSECTION, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR SHALL
3 MAIL TO THE OWNER LIABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION A CITATION
4 THAT SHALL INCLUDE:

5 (I) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OWNER OF
6 THE MOTOR VEHICLE;

7 (II) THE REGISTRATION PLATE NUMBER OF THE MOTOR
8 VEHICLE INVOLVED IN THE VIOLATION;

9 (III) THE VIOLATION CHARGED;

10 (IV) THE LOCATION WHERE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED;

11 (V) THE DATE AND TIME OF THE VIOLATION;

12 (VI) AT LEAST ONE RECORDED IMAGE OF THE VEHICLE WITH A
13 DATA BAR IMPRINTED ON THE IMAGE THAT INCLUDES THE SPEED OF THE VEHICLE
14 AND THE DATE AND TIME THE IMAGE WAS RECORDED;

15 (VII) THE AMOUNT OF THE CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED AND THE
16 DATE BY WHICH THE CIVIL PENALTY MUST BE PAID;

17 (VIII) A SIGNED STATEMENT UNDER OATH BY AN AUTHORIZED
18 STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE OR CONTRACTOR THAT,
19 BASED ON INSPECTION OF RECORDED IMAGES, THE MOTOR VEHICLE WAS BEING
20 OPERATED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE;

21 (IX) A STATEMENT THAT RECORDED IMAGES ARE EVIDENCE OF
22 A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE;

23 (X) INFORMATION ADVISING THE PERSON ALLEGED TO BE
24 LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION OF THE MANNER AND TIME IN WHICH LIABILITY AS
25 ALLEGED IN THE CITATION MAY BE CONTESTED IN THE DISTRICT COURT; AND

26 (XI) INFORMATION ADVISING THE PERSON ALLEGED TO BE
27 LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION THAT FAILURE TO PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY OR TO
28 CONTEST LIABILITY IN A TIMELY MANNER;

29 1. IS AN ADMISSION OF LIABILITY;

1 2. MAY RESULT IN THE REFUSAL TO REGISTER THE
2 MOTOR VEHICLE; AND

3 3. MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF THE MOTOR
4 VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

5 (2) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR
6 MAY MAIL A WARNING NOTICE INSTEAD OF A CITATION TO THE OWNER LIABLE
7 UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

8 (3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F)(4) OF THIS SECTION,
9 THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR MAY NOT MAIL A
10 CITATION TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT AN OWNER.

11 (4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F)(4) OF THIS SECTION, A
12 CITATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MAILED NOT LATER THAN 2
13 WEEKS AFTER THE ALLEGED VIOLATION IF THE VEHICLE IS REGISTERED IN THE
14 STATE, AND NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ALLEGED VIOLATION IF THE
15 VEHICLE IS REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE.

16 (5) A PERSON WHO RECEIVES A CITATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF
17 THIS SUBSECTION MAY:

18 (I) PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
19 INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CITATION; OR

20 (II) ELECT TO STAND TRIAL IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
21 ALLEGED VIOLATION.

22 (6) TO MAIL THE CITATION OR WARNING NOTICE, THE STATE
23 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR SHALL USE:

24 (I) THE CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE
25 ADMINISTRATION; OR

26 (II) IF A MAILING ADDRESS IS UNAVAILABLE, THE CURRENT
27 RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.

28 (E) (1) A CERTIFICATE ALLEGING THAT THE VIOLATION OF THIS
29 SUBTITLE OCCURRED AND THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
30 SECTION HAVE BEEN SATISFIED, SWORN TO OR AFFIRMED BY AN AUTHORIZED
31 STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE OR CONTRACTOR, BASED ON
32 INSPECTION OF RECORDED IMAGES PRODUCED BY A SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED

1 MONITORING SYSTEM, SHALL BE EVIDENCE OF THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE
2 CERTIFICATE AND SHALL BE ADMISSIBLE IN A PROCEEDING ALLEGING A VIOLATION
3 UNDER THIS SECTION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OR TESTIMONY OF THE SAFETY
4 CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR.

5 (2) IF A PERSON WHO RECEIVED A CITATION UNDER SUBSECTION (D)
6 OF THIS SECTION DESIRES THE SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM
7 OPERATOR TO BE PRESENT AND TESTIFY AT TRIAL, THE PERSON SHALL NOTIFY THE
8 DISTRICT COURT AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY
9 ADMINISTRATION OR ITS CONTRACTOR THAT ISSUED THE CITATION IN WRITING
10 NOT LATER THAN 20 DAYS BEFORE TRIAL.

11 (3) ADJUDICATION OF LIABILITY SHALL BE BASED ON A
12 PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE.

13 (F) (1) THE DISTRICT COURT MAY CONSIDER IN DEFENSE OF A
14 VIOLATION:

15 (I) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THAT
16 THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR THE REGISTRATION PLATES OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE WERE
17 STOLEN BEFORE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED AND WERE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL
18 OR POSSESSION OF THE VEHICLE OWNER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION;

19 (II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
20 EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION WAS NOT OPERATING THE
21 VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION; AND

22 (III) ANY OTHER ISSUES AND EVIDENCE THAT THE DISTRICT
23 COURT DEEMS PERTINENT.

24 (2) TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR THE
25 REGISTRATION PLATES WERE STOLEN BEFORE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED AND
26 WERE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OR POSSESSION OF THE OWNER AT THE TIME OF
27 THE VIOLATION, THE OWNER SHALL SUBMIT PROOF THAT A POLICE REPORT
28 REGARDING THE STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE OR REGISTRATION PLATES WAS FILED IN
29 A TIMELY MANNER.

30 (3) TO SATISFY THE EVIDENTIARY BURDEN UNDER PARAGRAPH
31 (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION SHALL PROVIDE
32 TO THE DISTRICT COURT A LETTER, SWORN TO OR AFFIRMED BY THE PERSON AND
33 MAILED BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, THAT:

1 (I) STATES THAT THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION WAS
2 NOT OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION; AND

3 (II) INCLUDES ANY OTHER CORROBORATING EVIDENCE.

4 (4) (I) IF THE DISTRICT COURT FINDS THAT THE PERSON NAMED
5 IN THE CITATION WAS NOT OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE
6 VIOLATION OR RECEIVES EVIDENCE UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION
7 IDENTIFYING THE PERSON DRIVING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION,
8 THE CLERK OF THE COURT MAY PROVIDE TO THE STATE HIGHWAY
9 ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE OR THE CONTRACTOR THAT ISSUED THE
10 CITATION A COPY OF ANY EVIDENCE SUBSTANTIATING WHO WAS OPERATING THE
11 VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION.

12 (II) ON RECEIPT OF SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE FROM THE
13 DISTRICT COURT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE STATE
14 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE OR THE CONTRACTOR THAT ISSUED
15 THE CITATION MAY ISSUE A CITATION AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS
16 SECTION TO THE PERSON WHO THE EVIDENCE INDICATES WAS OPERATING THE
17 VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION.

18 (III) ANY CITATION ISSUED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
19 PARAGRAPH SHALL BE MAILED NOT LATER THAN 2 WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE
20 EVIDENCE FROM THE DISTRICT COURT.

21 (G) IF A PERSON LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT PAY THE CIVIL
22 PENALTY OR CONTEST THE VIOLATION, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY:

23 (1) REFUSE TO REGISTER OR REREGISTER THE MOTOR VEHICLE
24 CITED FOR THE VIOLATION; OR

25 (2) SUSPEND THE REGISTRATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE CITED FOR
26 THE VIOLATION.

27 (H) A VIOLATION FOR WHICH A CIVIL PENALTY IS IMPOSED UNDER THIS
28 SECTION:

29 (1) IS NOT A MOVING VIOLATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING
30 POINTS UNDER § 16-402 OF THIS ARTICLE;

31 (2) MAY NOT BE RECORDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE
32 DRIVING RECORD OF THE OWNER OR DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE;

1 **(3) MAY BE TREATED AS A PARKING VIOLATION FOR PURPOSES OF §**
2 **26–305 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

3 **(4) MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED IN THE PROVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE**
4 **INSURANCE COVERAGE.**

5 **(I) (1) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION,**
6 **THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE**
7 **ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS, THE TRIAL OF CIVIL VIOLATIONS, AND THE COLLECTION**
8 **OF CIVIL PENALTIES UNDER THIS SECTION.**

9 **(2) THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE,**
10 **PROCESSING, AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDED IMAGES AND ASSOCIATED DATA**
11 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 12–113.1 OF THIS ARTICLE APPLY TO CITATIONS ISSUED**
12 **UNDER THIS SECTION.**

13 **(J) (1) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR A CONTRACTOR**
14 **DESIGNATED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER AND**
15 **PROCESS CIVIL CITATIONS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION IN COORDINATION WITH**
16 **THE DISTRICT COURT.**

17 **(2) IF A CONTRACTOR PROVIDES, DEPLOYS, OR OPERATES A SAFETY**
18 **CORRIDOR SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY**
19 **ADMINISTRATION, THE CONTRACTOR'S FEE MAY NOT BE CONTINGENT ON THE**
20 **NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED OR PAID.**

21 **(K) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS**
22 **ESTABLISHING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR SAFETY CORRIDOR SPEED**
23 **MONITORING SYSTEMS.**

24 26–305.

25 (a) The Administration may not register or transfer the registration of any vehicle
26 involved in a parking violation under this subtitle, a violation under any federal parking
27 regulation that applies to property in this State under the jurisdiction of the U.S.
28 government, a violation of § 21–202(h) of this article as determined under § 21–202.1 of this
29 article or Title 21, Subtitle 8 of this article as determined under § 21–809 [or], § 21–810,
30 **OR § 21–810.1** of this article, or a violation of the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law
31 under § 10–110 of the Criminal Law Article or a local law or ordinance adopted by
32 Baltimore City relating to the unlawful disposal of litter as determined under § 10–112 of
33 the Criminal Law Article, if:

34 (1) It is notified by a political subdivision or authorized State agency that
35 the person cited for the violation under this subtitle, § 21–202.1, § 21–809, [or] § 21–810,

1 OR § 21-810.1 of this article, or § 10-110 or § 10-112 of the Criminal Law Article has
2 failed to either:

5 (ii) File a notice of his intention to stand trial for the violation;

(2) It is notified by the District Court that a person who has elected to stand trial for the violation under this subtitle, under § 21–202.1, § 21–809, [or] § 21–810, OR § 21–810.1 of this article, or under § 10–110 or § 10–112 of the Criminal Law Article has failed to appear for trial; or

12 (i) Has failed to pay the fine for the violation by the date specified
13 in the federal citation; or

(ii) Either has failed to file a notice of the person's intention to stand trial for the violation, or, if electing to stand trial, has failed to appear for trial.

16 26-401.

If a person is taken before a District Court commissioner or is given a traffic citation or a civil citation under § 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–810.1**, § 21–1414, or § 24–111.3 of this article containing a notice to appear in court, the commissioner or court shall be one that sits within the county in which the offense allegedly was committed.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2026.