

SENATE BILL 175

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By: Senator McKay

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **City of Cumberland – Speed Monitoring Systems – Tractor Trailers on Interstate**
3 **68**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the City of Cumberland to use speed monitoring systems
5 on certain portions of Interstate 68 to enforce speed limits for Class F (tractor)
6 vehicles operated in combination with Class G (trailer) freight trailers or
7 semitrailers; and generally relating to speed monitoring systems in the City of
8 Cumberland.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

10 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

11 Section 7–302(e)(4)(i) and (ii)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

16 Section 7–302(e)(4)(viii)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

20 Article – Transportation

21 Section 21–809(a), (b)(1)(vi), and (f)(1)

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

25 Article – Transportation

26 Section 21–809(b)(1)(i). and (v) and (c)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

3 BY adding to
4 Article – Transportation
5 Section 21–809(b)(1)(xiii)
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

10 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

11 7–302.

12 (e) (4) (i) Except as provided in paragraphs (5) and (6) of this subsection,
13 from the fines collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed
14 monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, stop sign monitoring systems, school
15 bus monitoring cameras, bus lane monitoring systems, or noise abatement monitoring
16 systems, a political subdivision:

17 1. May recover the costs of implementing and administering
18 the speed monitoring systems, work zone speed control systems, stop sign monitoring
19 systems, school bus monitoring cameras, bus lane monitoring systems, or noise abatement
20 monitoring systems; and

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

24 (ii) 1. For any fiscal year, if the balance remaining from the fines
25 collected by a political subdivision as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring
26 systems, after the costs of implementing and administering the systems are recovered in
27 accordance with subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph, is greater than 10% of the total
28 revenues of the political subdivision for the fiscal year, the political subdivision shall remit
29 any funds that exceed 10% of the total revenues to the Comptroller.

30 2. The Comptroller shall deposit any money remitted under
31 this subparagraph to the General Fund of the State.

32 **(VIII) FROM THE FINES COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF**
33 **CUMBERLAND AS A RESULT OF VIOLATIONS ENFORCED BY SPEED MONITORING**
34 **SYSTEMS PLACED ON INTERSTATE 68 IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21–809(B)(1)(VI)10**
35 **OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, ANY BALANCE REMAINING AFTER THE**
36 **ALLOCATION OF FINES UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE**

1 USED TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS, TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS, AND
2 MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE INTERSTATE 68 CORRIDOR IN THE CITY OF
3 CUMBERLAND.

Article – Transportation

5 21-809.

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

(i) A law enforcement agency of a local political subdivision that is authorized to issue a citation for a violation of the Maryland Vehicle Law or of local traffic laws or regulations;

(iv) For speed monitoring systems placed and used on Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector), the Maryland Transportation Authority.

(3) (i) "Erroneous violation" means a potential violation submitted by a speed monitoring system contractor for review by an agency that is apparently inaccurate based on a technical variable that is under the control of the contractor.

22 (ii) "Erroneous violation" includes a potential violation based on:

1. A recorded image of a registration plate that does not
match the registration plate issued for the motor vehicle in the recorded image;

25 2. A recorded image that shows a stopped vehicle or no
26 progression;

3. An incorrectly measured speed for a motor vehicle;

28 4. A measured speed of a motor vehicle that is below the
29 threshold speed that would subject the owner to a civil citation under this section;

30 5. A recorded image that was taken outside of the hours and
31 days that speed monitoring systems are authorized for use in school zones; and

1 6. A recorded image that was taken by a speed monitoring
2 system with an expired calibration certificate.

3 (4) **“MOTOR VEHICLE” INCLUDES A COMBINATION OF VEHICLES.**

4 (5) (i) “Owner” means the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a
5 lessee of a motor vehicle under a lease of 6 months or more.

6 (ii) “Owner” does not include:

7 1. A motor vehicle rental or leasing company; or

8 2. A holder of a special registration plate issued under Title
9 13, Subtitle 9, Part III of this article.

10 [(5)] (6) “Program administrator” means an employee or a representative
11 of the local jurisdiction, the State Highway Administration, or the Maryland
12 Transportation Authority designated by the local jurisdiction, the State Highway
13 Administration, or the Authority to oversee a contract with a speed monitoring system
14 contractor.

15 [(6)] (7) “Reasonable training” means a level of education, instruction,
16 and practical experience sufficient to ensure competency in the inspection and
17 interpretation of the recorded images generated by the speed monitoring system.

18 [(7)] (8) “Recorded image” means an image recorded by a speed
19 monitoring system:

20 (i) On:

21 1. A photograph;

22 2. A microphotograph;

23 3. An electronic image;

24 4. Videotape; or

25 5. Any other medium; and

26 (ii) Showing:

27 1. The rear of a motor vehicle;

28 2. At least two time-stamped images of the motor vehicle
29 that include the same stationary object near the motor vehicle; and

1 3. On at least one image or portion of tape, a clear and legible
2 identification of the entire registration plate number of the motor vehicle.

3 **[(8)] (9)** “School zone” means a designated roadway segment within up to
4 a half-mile radius of a school for any of grades kindergarten through grade 12 where
5 school-related activity occurs, including:

- 6 (i) Travel by students to or from school on foot or by bicycle; or
7 (ii) The dropping off or picking up of students by school buses or
8 other vehicles.

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

12 **[(10)] (11)** “Speed monitoring system operator” means a representative of
13 an agency or contractor that operates a speed monitoring system.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 3. In Prince George's County:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 **10. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (XIII) OF THIS**
27 **PARAGRAPH, IN THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND ON ANY PORTION OF INTERSTATE 68**
28 **FOR WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT IS 45 MILES PER HOUR.**

29 **(XIII) A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM PLACED IN THE CITY OF**
30 **CUMBERLAND ON INTERSTATE 68 MAY BE USED ONLY TO ENFORCE SPEED LIMITS**
31 **FOR CLASS F (TRACTOR) VEHICLES OPERATED IN COMBINATION WITH CLASS G**
32 **(TRAILER) FREIGHT TRAILERS OR SEMITRAILERS.**

33 (c) (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police
34 officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection (f)(4) of this

1 section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is
2 recorded by a speed monitoring system while being operated in violation of this subtitle.

3 (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this
4 paragraph, a civil penalty under this subsection may not exceed:

5 1. If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle
6 exceeded the speed limit by between 12 and 15, inclusive, miles per hour, \$40;

7 2. If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle
8 exceeded the speed limit by between 16 and 19, inclusive, miles per hour, \$70;

9 3. If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle
10 exceeded the speed limit by between 20 and 29, inclusive, miles per hour, \$120;

11 4. If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle
12 exceeded the speed limit by between 30 and 39, inclusive, miles per hour, \$230; and

13 5. If the citation alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle
14 exceeded the speed limit by 40 miles per hour or more, \$425.

15 (ii) A civil penalty under this paragraph for a violation recorded on
16 Interstate 83 in Baltimore County or Interstate 695 in Baltimore County may not exceed
17 \$40.

18 (iii) 1. This paragraph applies to a civil penalty assessed to the
19 owner or driver of a motor vehicle that is recorded by a speed monitoring system while
20 being operated on Maryland Route 210 (Piscataway Highway) in Prince George's County
21 in violation of this subtitle.

22 2. The maximum civil penalty under this subparagraph is as
23 follows:

24 A. For exceeding the maximum posted speed limit by
25 between 12 and 15, inclusive, miles per hour, \$40;

26 B. For exceeding the maximum posted speed limit by
27 between 16 and 19, inclusive, miles per hour, \$70;

28 C. For exceeding the maximum posted speed limit by
29 between 20 and 29, inclusive, miles per hour, \$120;

30 D. For exceeding the maximum posted speed limit by
31 between 30 and 39, inclusive, miles per hour, \$230; or

32 E. For exceeding the maximum posted speed limit by 40
33 miles per hour or more, \$425.

1 (3) For purposes of this section, the District Court shall prescribe:

2 (i) A uniform citation form consistent with subsection (d)(1) of this
3 section and § 7–302 of the Courts Article; and

4 (ii) A civil penalty, which shall be indicated on the citation, to be paid
5 by persons who choose to prepay the civil penalty without appearing in District Court.

6 (f) (1) The District Court may consider in defense of a violation:

7 (i) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, that the motor vehicle
8 or the registration plates of the motor vehicle were stolen before the violation occurred and
9 were not under the control or possession of the owner at the time of the violation;

10 (ii) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, evidence that the
11 person named in the citation was not operating the vehicle at the time of the violation;
12 [and]

13 **(III) FOR A VIOLATION RECORDED BY A SPEED MONITORING**
14 **SYSTEM PLACED IN THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND ON INTERSTATE 68, THAT THE**
15 **MOTOR VEHICLE WAS NOT A CLASS F (TRACTOR) VEHICLE OPERATED IN**
16 **COMBINATION WITH A CLASS G (TRAILER) FREIGHT TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER; AND**

17 [(iii)] (IV) Any other issues and evidence that the District Court
18 deems pertinent.

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