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Motor Vehicles - Speed Monitoring Systems - Local Jurisdictions

## Speed Monitoring Systems Reform Act of 2014

FOR the purpose of altering the standards and requirements for the required warning period for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems; establishing that speed monitoring systems placed in certain areas may <del>only</del> be placed only on highways with a certain minimum speed limit; applying certain notice and signage standards for unmanned local stationary speed monitoring systems to all local speed monitoring systems; altering the standards for signage required for local stationary speed monitoring systems; establishing that a speed monitoring system in a school zone may operate only during the regular school <del>year:</del> requiring certain local jurisdictions to designate certain persons to act in a certain public liaison capacity; requiring a certain calibration check to be performed quarterly rather than annually; altering the standards and requirements for daily self-tests and annual calibrations for speed monitoring systems; requiring certain local jurisdictions to designate, subject to the approvals of a certain local governing body, a certain program administrator; requiring a contract for a certain speed monitoring system to include certain provisions; establishing certain training requirements; clarifying that a certificate alleging that a certain speeding violation occurred is required to be sworn to or affirmed by a certain law enforcement officer; expanding the application of the prohibition against a speed monitoring system contractor's fee being contingent on the number of citations issued or paid; providing for the application of this Act; providing that certain speed monitoring system contract

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1	extensions are void under certain circumstances requiring the Maryland Police
2	Training Commission to compile and make publicly available an annual report
3	containing certain information on each local speed monitoring system program;
4	providing that, except under certain circumstances, existing obligations,
5	contracts, or contract rights may not be impaired by this Act; defining certain
6	terms; and generally relating to speed monitoring systems operated by local
7	jurisdictions.
8	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9	Article – Transportation
0	Section 21–809
1	Annotated Code of Maryland
$^{-1}$	(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)
13 14	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
15	Article - Transportation
16	21–809.
L <b>7</b>	(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
18	(2) "Agency" means:
19 20 21	(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; or
22	(ii) For a municipal corporation that does not maintain a police
23	force, an agency established or designated by the municipal corporation to implement
24	this subtitle using speed monitoring systems in accordance with this section.
25	(3) (i) "ERRONEOUS VIOLATION" MEANS A POTENTIAL
26	VIOLATION SUBMITTED BY A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM CONTRACTOR FOR
27	REVIEW BY AN AGENCY THAT IS:
28	1. Clearly not supported by the available
29	EVIDENCE OR APPLICABLE LAW; OR
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30 31	2. BASED ON A TECHNICAL VARIABLE FOR WHICH THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE.
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32	(II) "ERRONEOUS VIOLATION" INCLUDES:

1 2 3	1. A POTENTIAL VIOLATION BASED ON INACCURATE RADAR IMAGING, INCLUDING THE PHENOMENON KNOWN AS THE "RADAR EFFECT"; AND
4 5 6	2. A POTENTIAL VIOLATION BASED ON A RECORDED IMAGE THAT IS GENERATED BY A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM THAT IS AT AN IMPROPER DISTANCE OR ANGLE OR IN IMPROPER FOCUS.
7 8 9	(III) "ERRONEOUS VIOLATION" DOES NOT INCLUDE A POTENTIAL VIOLATION THAT AN AGENCY IS UNABLE TO VALIDATE BUT OTHERWISE COMPLIES WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND CONTRACT PROVISIONS APPARENTLY INACCURATE BASED ON A TECHNICAL VARIABLE THAT IS UNDER
11 12 13	THE CONTROL OF THE CONTRACTOR.  (II) "ERRONEOUS VIOLATION" INCLUDES A POTENTIAL VIOLATION BASED ON:
14 15 16	1. A RECORDED IMAGE OF A REGISTRATION PLATE THAT DOES NOT MATCH THE REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE RECORDED IMAGE;
17 18	2. A RECORDED IMAGE THAT SHOWS A STOPPED VEHICLE OR NO PROGRESSION;
19 20	3. AN INCORRECTLY MEASURED SPEED FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE;
21 22 23	4. A MEASURED SPEED OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS BELOW THE THRESHOLD SPEED THAT WOULD SUBJECT THE OWNER TO A CIVIL CITATION UNDER THIS SECTION;
24 25 26	5. A RECORDED IMAGE THAT WAS TAKEN OUTSIDE OF THE HOURS AND DAYS THAT SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN SCHOOL ZONES; AND
27 28	6. A RECORDED IMAGE THAT WAS TAKEN BY A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM WITH AN EXPIRED CALIBRATION CERTIFICATE.
29 30	(4) (I) "Owner" means the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a lessee of a motor vehicle under a lease of 6 months or more.
31	(ii) "Owner" does not include:

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A motor vehicle rental or leasing company; or

$\frac{1}{2}$	Title 13, Subtitle 9, Part	2. A holder of a special registration plate issued under tIII of this article.
3 4 5 6	REPRESENTATIVE OF	OGRAM ADMINISTRATOR" MEANS AN EMPLOYEE OR THE LOCAL JURISDICTION DESIGNATED BY THE LOCAL ERSEE A CONTRACT WITH A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM
7 8	[(4)] <b>(6)</b> monitoring system:	"Recorded image" means an image recorded by a speed
9	(i)	On:
10		1. A photograph;
11		2. A microphotograph;
12		3. An electronic image;
13		4. Videotape; or
14		5. Any other medium; and
15	(ii)	Showing:
16		1. The rear of a motor vehicle;
17 18	vehicle that include the	2. At least two time-stamped images of the motor same stationary object near the motor vehicle; and
19 20	legible identification of t	3. On at least one image or portion of tape, a clear and the entire registration plate number of the motor vehicle.
21	(7) "SC	HOOL ZONE" MEANS A DESIGNATED ROADWAY SEGMENT
22	WITHIN A ONE-QUART	TER MILE RADIUS OF A SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN OR
23		ROUGH GRADE 12 THAT IS APPROACHING, ADJACENT TO,
24		BUILDINGS OR GROUNDS WHERE SCHOOL-RELATED
25	ACTIVITY OCCURS, INC	CLUDING:
26	<b>(</b> I <b>)</b>	TRAVEL BY STUDENTS TO OR FROM SCHOOL ON FOOT
27	OR BY BICYCLE; OR	
28	(II)	THE DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP OF STUDENTS BY
29	SCHOOL BUSES OR OT	HER VEHICLES.

1 2 3	[(5)] (8) "Speed monitoring system" means a device with one or more motor vehicle sensors producing recorded images of motor vehicles traveling at speeds at least 12 miles per hour above the posted speed limit.
4 5	[(6)] (9) "Speed monitoring system operator" means a representative of an agency or contractor that operates a speed monitoring system.
6 7 8	(b) (1) (i) A speed monitoring system may not be used in a local jurisdiction under this section unless its use is authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing.
9 10	(ii) Before a county may use a speed monitoring system on a State highway at a location within a municipal corporation, the county shall:
11 12	1. Obtain the approval of the State Highway Administration;
13 14 15	2. Notify the municipal corporation of the State Highway Administration's approval of the use of a speed monitoring system at that location; and
16 17 18 19	3. Grant the municipal corporation 60 days from the date of the county's notice to the municipal corporation to enact an ordinance authorizing the municipal corporation instead of the county to use a speed monitoring system at that location.
20 21	(iii) 1. This subparagraph applies only in Prince George's County.
22 23 24 25	2. In the county, a municipal corporation may implement and use a speed monitoring system consistent with the requirements of this subsection on a county highway at a location within its corporate limits if the municipal corporation:
26 27 28	A. Submits to the county a plan describing the boundary of the applicable school zone and the proposed location of the speed monitoring system; and
29 30	B. Requests and receives permission from the county to use the speed monitoring system at the proposed location.
31 32 33	3. If the county fails to respond to the request within 60 days, the municipal corporation may implement and use the speed monitoring system as described in the plan submission.

The county may not:

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30 31 32 33	district, as defined in § 2 miles per hour, which s engineering practices;		·	a maxi	mum	posted sp	eed limit	of 35

2. In a school zone [established under § 21–803.1 of this subtitle] WITH A POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF AT LEAST 20 MILES PER HOUR; or

1 2 3 4 5 6 7	3. In Prince George's County, on that part of a highway located within the grounds of an institution of higher education as defined in § 10–101(h) of the Education Article, or within one—half mile of the grounds of a building or property used by the institution of higher education where generally accepted traffic and engineering practices indicate that motor vehicle, pedestrian, or bicycle traffic is substantially generated or influenced by the institution of higher education.
8 9	(vii) Before activating [an unmanned stationary] A speed monitoring system, the local jurisdiction shall:
10 11	1. Publish notice of the location of the speed monitoring system on its website and in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction;
12 13	2. Ensure that each sign that designates a school zone [indicates] IS PROXIMATE TO A SIGN THAT:
14 15	A. INDICATES that speed monitoring systems are in use in THE school [zones] ZONE; AND
16 17 18 19	B. IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUAL AND FOR AND THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ADOPTED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 25–104 OF THIS ARTICLE; and
20 21 22 23	3. With regard to a speed monitoring system established based on proximity to an institution of higher education under paragraph (1)(vi)3 of this subsection, ensure that all speed limit signs approaching and within the segment of highway on which the speed monitoring system is located include signs that:
24 25 26	A. Are in accordance with the manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration under $\S 25-104$ of this article; and
27	B. Indicate that a speed monitoring system is in use.
28 29 30	(viii) A speed monitoring system in a school zone may operate only Monday through Friday <b>DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR</b> between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
31 32 33 34	(IX) 1. A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT AUTHORIZES A PROGRAM OF SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS SHALL DESIGNATE, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION, AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE TO INVESTIGATE AND RESPOND TO QUESTIONS OR

JURISDICTION'S SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM PROGRAM.

CONCERNS ABOUT THE SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM PROGRAM IN THE LOCAL

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1	2. BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR CONTESTING
2	LIABILITY UNDER THIS SECTION, THE LOCAL DESIGNEE MAY REVIEW AND, IF A
3	CITATION IS DETERMINED TO BE AN ERRONEOUS VIOLATION, VOID A SPEED
4	MONITORING SYSTEM CITATION.
5	2. A. THE LOCAL DESIGNEE SHALL REVIEW A
6	CITATION GENERATED BY A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM IF THE PERSON WHO
7	RECEIVED THE CITATION REQUESTS REVIEW BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR
8	CONTESTING LIABILITY UNDER THIS SECTION.
9	B. IF THE LOCAL DESIGNEE DETERMINES THAT THE
10	CITATION IS AN ERRONEOUS VIOLATION, THE LOCAL DESIGNEE SHALL VOID
11	THE CITATION.
12	C. IF THE LOCAL DESIGNEE DETERMINES THAT A
13	PERSON DID NOT RECEIVE NOTICE OF A CITATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION
14	DUE TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR, THE LOCAL DESIGNEE MAY RESEND THE
15	CITATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION OR VOID
16	THE CITATION.
17	D. A LOCAL DESIGNEE THAT TAKES ANY ACTION
18	DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSUBSUBPARAGRAPH C OF THIS SUBSUBPARAGRAPH
19	SHALL NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
20	RESCINDING ANY ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION
21	(G) OF THIS SECTION.
22	E. A LOCAL DESIGNEE MAY NOT DETERMINE THAT A
23	CITATION IS AN ERRONEOUS VIOLATION BASED SOLELY ON THE DISMISSAL OF
24	THE CITATION BY A COURT.
25	3. A LOCAL DESIGNEE MAY NOT BE EMPLOYED BY A
26	SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM CONTRACTOR OR HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY
27	PREVIOUS REVIEW UNDER THIS SECTION OF SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM
28	CITATIONS REVIEW OF A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM CITATION, OTHER THAN A
29	REVIEW OF A CITATION UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.
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30 31	4. ON RECEIPT OF A <u>WRITTEN</u> QUESTION OR CONCERN FROM A PERSON, THE LOCAL DESIGNEE SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN
$\frac{31}{32}$	ANSWER OR RESPONSE TO THE PERSON WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME.
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33	5. A LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL MAKE ANY

WRITTEN QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS RECEIVED UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH,

1 2	AND ANY SUBSEQUENT <u>WRITTEN</u> ANSWERS OR RESPONSES, AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.
3 4 5	(2) (i) A speed monitoring system operator shall complete training by a manufacturer of speed monitoring systems in the procedures for setting up and operating the speed monitoring system.
6 7	(ii) The manufacturer shall issue a signed certificate to the speed monitoring system operator on completion of the training.
8 9	(iii) The certificate of training shall be admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for a violation of this section.
10 11	(3) A speed monitoring system operator shall fill out and sign a daily set—up log for a speed monitoring system that:
12 13 14	(i) States that the speed monitoring system operator successfully performed <b>OR REVIEWED AND EVALUATED</b> the manufacturer—specified <b>DAILY</b> self—test of the speed monitoring system prior to producing a recorded image;
15	(ii) Shall be kept on file; and
16 17	(iii) Shall be admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for a violation of this section.
18 19 20	(4) (i) A speed monitoring system shall undergo <b>{</b> an annual <b>{</b> } <b>A QUARTERLY</b> calibration check performed by an independent calibration laboratory <b>THAT IS:</b>
21	1. SELECTED BY THE LOCAL JURISDICTION; AND
22 23	2. UNAFFILIATED WITH THE MANUFACTURER OF THE SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM.
24 25	(ii) The independent calibration laboratory shall issue a signed certificate of calibration after the <b>{</b> annual <b>} QUARTERLY</b> calibration check that:
26	1. Shall be kept on file; and
27 28	2. Shall be admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for a violation of this section.
29	(5) If a local jurisdiction authorizes a program of

SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS UNDER THIS SECTION:

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2	<b>PROGRAM</b>	ADMINISTI	RATOR	WHO	MAY	NOT	$\mathbf{BE}$	AN	EMI	PLOYEE	OR	A
3	REPRESEN'	TATIVE OF T	HE SPE	EED MON	NITORI	NG SY	STEM	CON	TRA	CTOR: AN	D	

- 4 (II) THE CONTRACT WITH THE SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM 5 CONTRACTOR SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:
- 1. FOR POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS SUBMITTED BY A CONTRACTOR FOR REVIEW BY AN AGENCY, IF MORE THAN 5% OF THE VIOLATIONS IN A CALENDAR YEAR ARE ERRONEOUS VIOLATIONS, THEN THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE SUBJECT TO LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR EACH ERRONEOUS VIOLATION EQUAL TO AT LEAST 50% OF THE FINE AMOUNT FOR THE ERRONEOUS VIOLATION, PLUS ANY REIMBURSEMENTS PAID BY THE LOCAL JURISDICTION; AND
- 2. THE LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY CANCEL A
  CONTRACT WITH A CONTRACTOR IF THE CONTRACTOR VIOLATES THE
  CONTRACT BEYOND BY SUBMITTING ERRONEOUS VIOLATIONS TO THE AGENCY
  THAT EXCEED A THRESHOLD SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT OR VIOLATES THE
  LAW IN IMPLEMENTING THE CONTRACT.
- 18 **(6)** (I)THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION AND THE 19 ADMINISTRATION POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH 20 THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER INTERESTED 21 22 STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL DEVELOP A TRAINING PROGRAM CONCERNING THE 23 OVERSIGHT AND ADMINISTRATION OF A SPEED MONITORING PROGRAM BY A 24LOCAL JURISDICTION, INCLUDING A CURRICULUM OF BEST PRACTICES IN THE 25 STATE.
- 26 (II) 1. A PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR SHALL 27 PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAINING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS 28 PARAGRAPH BEFORE A LOCAL JURISDICTION INITIALLY IMPLEMENTS A NEW 29 SPEED MONITORING PROGRAM AND SUBSEQUENTLY AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS.
- 2. A PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR FOR A PROGRAM IN
  EXISTENCE ON JUNE 1, 2014, SHALL INITIALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAINING
  PROGRAM ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2014, AND SUBSEQUENTLY AT LEAST
  ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS.
- 35 <u>3.</u> If a local jurisdiction designates a new 36 program administrator, the new program administrator shall participate in the next available training program.

1 2 3 4 5	(f)(4) of this secti	ne time on, the record	ss the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a e of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection e driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the ed by a speed monitoring system while being operated in
6	(2)	A civ	il penalty under this subsection may not exceed \$40.
7	(3)	For p	ourposes of this section, the District Court shall prescribe:
8 9	this section and §	(i) 7–302	A uniform citation form consistent with subsection $(d)(1)$ of of the Courts Article; and
10 11 12	paid by persons v Court.	(ii) vho cho	A civil penalty, which shall be indicated on the citation, to be cose to prepay the civil penalty without appearing in District
13 14 15	(d) (1) subsection, an ago a citation that sha	ency sh	ect to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this nall mail to an owner liable under subsection (c) of this section ude:
16		(i)	The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;
17 18	violation;	(ii)	The registration number of the motor vehicle involved in the
19		(iii)	The violation charged;
20		(iv)	The location where the violation occurred;
21		(v)	The date and time of the violation;
22		(vi)	A copy of the recorded image;
23 24	which the civil pe	(vii) nalty s	The amount of the civil penalty imposed and the date by hould be paid;
25 26 27	± •	by or	A signed statement by a duly authorized law enforcement under contract with an agency that, based on inspection of tor vehicle was being operated in violation of this subtitle;
28 29	of this subtitle;	(ix)	A statement that recorded images are evidence of a violation

1 2 3	(x) Information advising the person alleged to be liable under this section of the manner and time in which liability as alleged in the citation may be contested in the District Court; and
4 5 6	(xi) Information advising the person alleged to be liable under this section that failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner:
7	1. Is an admission of liability;
8 9	2. May result in the refusal by the Administration to register the motor vehicle; and
10 11	3. May result in the suspension of the motor vehicle registration.
12 13	(2) An agency may mail a warning notice instead of a citation to the owner liable under subsection (c) of this section.
14 15	(3) Except as provided in subsection (f)(4) of this section, an agency may not mail a citation to a person who is not an owner.
16 17 18 19	(4) Except as provided in subsection SUBSECTIONS (B)(1)(IX) AND (f)(4) of this section, a citation issued under this section shall be mailed no later than 2 weeks after the alleged violation if the vehicle is registered in this State, and 30 days after the alleged violation if the vehicle is registered in another state.
20 21	(5) A person who receives a citation under paragraph (1) of this subsection may:
22 23	(i) Pay the civil penalty, in accordance with instructions on the citation, directly to the political subdivision; or
24 25	(ii) Elect to stand trial in the District Court for the alleged violation.
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34	(e) (1) A certificate alleging that the violation of this subtitle occurred and the requirements under subsection (b) of this section have been satisfied, sworn to, or affirmed by [an agent or employee of] A DULY AUTHORIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH an agency, based on inspection of recorded images produced by a speed monitoring system, shall be evidence of the facts contained in the certificate and shall be admissible in a proceeding alleging a violation under this section without the presence or testimony of the speed monitoring system operator who performed the requirements under subsection (b) of this section.

- 1 If a person who received a citation under subsection (d) of this 2 section desires the speed monitoring system operator to be present and testify at trial, 3 the person shall notify the court and the State in writing no later than 20 days before 4 trial. 5 (3) Adjudication of liability shall be based on a preponderance of 6 evidence. 7 (f) (1) The District Court may consider in defense of a violation: 8 (i) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, that the motor 9 vehicle or the registration plates of the motor vehicle were stolen before the violation 10 occurred and were not under the control or possession of the owner at the time of the 11 violation: Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, evidence that the 12 (ii) 13 person named in the citation was not operating the vehicle at the time of the violation; 14 and 15 (iii) Any other issues and evidence that the District Court deems 16 pertinent. 17 (2)To demonstrate that the motor vehicle or the registration plates 18 were stolen before the violation occurred and were not under the control or possession 19 of the owner at the time of the violation, the owner shall submit proof that a police 20 report regarding the stolen motor vehicle or registration plates was filed in a timely 21manner. 22 To satisfy the evidentiary burden under paragraph (1)(ii) of this 23 subsection, the person named in the citation shall provide to the District Court a 24letter, sworn to or affirmed by the person and mailed by certified mail, return receipt 25 requested, that: 26 States that the person named in the citation was not (i) 27 operating the vehicle at the time of the violation; and 28 Includes any other corroborating evidence. (ii) 29 **(4)** If the District Court finds that the person named in the (i) citation was not operating the vehicle at the time of the violation or receives evidence 30 31 under paragraph (3) of this subsection identifying the person driving the vehicle at the 32time of the violation, the clerk of the court shall provide to the agency issuing the 33 citation a copy of any evidence substantiating who was operating the vehicle at the 34 time of the violation.
  - (ii) On receipt of substantiating evidence from the District Court under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, an agency may issue a citation as

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- 1 provided in subsection (d) of this section to the person who the evidence indicates was 2 operating the vehicle at the time of the violation. 3 A citation issued under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph shall be mailed no later than 2 weeks after receipt of the evidence from the District 4 5 Court. 6 If a person liable under this section does not pay the civil penalty or (g) 7 contest the violation, the Administration: 8 (1) May refuse to register or reregister the motor vehicle cited for the 9 violation; or 10 (2) May suspend the registration of the motor vehicle cited for the 11 violation. 12 (h) A violation for which a civil penalty is imposed under this section: 13 Is not a moving violation for the purpose of assessing points under § 16–402 of this article; 14 **(2)** May not be recorded by the Administration on the driving record of 15 the owner or driver of the vehicle; 16 17 May be treated as a parking violation for purposes of § 26–305 of (3) this article; and 18 19 May not be considered in the provision of motor vehicle insurance (4) 20 coverage. 21In consultation with the appropriate local government agencies, the Chief 22Judge of the District Court shall adopt procedures for the issuance of citations, the 23 trial of civil violations, and the collection of civil penalties under this section.
- 24 (j) (1) An agency or an agent or contractor designated by the agency shall 25 administer and process civil citations issued under this section in coordination with 26 the District Court.
  - (2) If a contractor IN ANY MANNER operates a speed monitoring system OR ADMINISTERS OR PROCESSES CITATIONS GENERATED BY A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM on behalf of a local jurisdiction, the contractor's fee may not be contingent ON A PER-TICKET BASIS on the number of citations issued or paid.
  - SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall apply only to a contract entered into on or after April 8, 2014, and may not be construed to affect a contract entered into before April 8, 2014.

$\frac{1}{2}$	SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for a speed monitoring system contract that is entered into by a local jurisdiction before April 8, 2014, and
3 4 5	that is not consistent with the provisions of this Act, any extension of the term of the contract through the exercise of an extension option or clause on or after April 8, 2014, shall be void.
6 7	(K) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION SHALL:
8 9 10	(I) COMPILE AND MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE A REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR ON EACH SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM PROGRAM OPERATED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION UNDER THIS SECTION; AND
11 12 13	(II) SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
14	(2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:
15	(I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED;
16 17	(II) THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED AND THE NUMBER VOIDED AS ERRONEOUS VIOLATIONS FOR EACH CAMERA;
18	(III) THE GROSS REVENUE GENERATED BY THE PROGRAM;
19	(IV) THE EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY THE PROGRAM;
20	(V) THE NET REVENUE GENERATED BY THE PROGRAM;
21 22	(VI) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ANY PAYMENTS MADE TO A CONTRACTOR UNDER THE PROGRAM;
23 24	(VII) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE NET REVENUE GENERATED BY THE PROGRAM WAS USED;
25 26	(VIII) THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM;
27 28	(IX) THE TYPE OF SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM USED BY THE LOCAL JURISDICTION;
29 30	(X) THE LOCATIONS AT WHICH EACH SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM WAS USED IN THE LOCAL JURISDICTION;

$1\\2$	(XI) THE ACTIVATION START AND STOP DATES OF EACH SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM FOR EACH LOCATION AT WHICH IT WAS USED; AND
3 4	(XII) THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED BY EACH SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM AT EACH LOCATION.
5 6 7 8 9	(3) EACH LOCAL JURISDICTION WITH A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM PROGRAM SHALL SUBMIT THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE COMMISSION BY OCTOBER 31 OF EACH YEAR AND ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN THE PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT.
10 11 12 13	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, a presently existing obligation, contract, or contract right may not be impaired in any way by this Act and this Act does not abrogate any current obligation, contract, or contract right in existence before the effective date of this Act.
14 15 16	SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a local jurisdiction shall alter without penalty an obligation, a contract, or a contract right existing on May 31, 2014, to comply with the provisions of this Act by June 1, 2017.
17 18	SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October June 1, 2014.
	Approved:
	Governor.
	President of the Senate.
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.