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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 _____, 2025. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
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 _____, 2025.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

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

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this _____ day of _____, 2025 at ____ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 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.

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

3 *By amending:*

4 *Title 21. -. "Traffic Control and Transportation"*

5 *Subtitle 6. -. "Speed Monitoring Systems"*

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

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9 **Title 21 - Traffic Control and Transportation**

10 **Subtitle 6. – Speed Monitoring Systems**

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

- 12 (a) In accordance with section 21-809 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of
13 Maryland, the Howard County Department of Police may:
- 14 (1) Use [[up to eight]] speed monitoring systems for the purpose of determining the speed
15 of a vehicle traveling within a designated school zone; and
- 16 (2) Issue civil citations to vehicle owners based upon the speed recorded by the recorded
17 image of the speed monitoring system.
- 18 (b) In accordance with section 7-302 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the
19 Annotated Code of Maryland, regarding fines collected as a result of violations enforced by
20 speed monitoring systems, the County may:
- 21 (1) Recover the costs of implementing and administering the speed monitoring systems;
22 and
- 23 (2) Subject to section 7-302(e)(4)(ii) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the
24 Annotated Code of Maryland, spend any remaining balance solely for public safety
25 purposes, including pedestrian safety programs.
- 26 (c) Any citation issued under this section shall include:
- 27 (1) Information about the right to a trial and to have the speed monitoring system operator
28 present at the trial; and
- 29 (2) How to request that the speed monitoring system operator be present at the trial.
- 30 (d) If a citation is issued on the basis of speed indicated by a flashing light, the speed system
31 operator must verify that the flashing lights are operating properly.

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