

# HOUSE BILL 1614

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By: **Delegate Arentz**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transportation Authority – Use of Lane Direction Control Signal**  
3 **Monitoring Systems**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force to use  
5 lane direction control signal monitoring systems on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge to  
6 enforce motor vehicle offenses for entering or traveling in a lane over which a red  
7 lane direction control signal is shown; requiring the District Court to remit to the  
8 Maryland Transportation Authority any civil penalties collected by the Court  
9 resulting from a citation issued using a lane direction control signal monitoring  
10 system operated by the Authority; requiring the State Highway Administration to  
11 provide the Authority with access to certain contacts and processes; and generally  
12 relating to the use of lane direction control signal monitoring systems by the  
13 Maryland Transportation Authority.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
16 Section 7–301(a)(1) and (2), 7–302(e)(2)(iii) and (3)(iii), and 10–311  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
20 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
21 Section 7–302(a)  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
25 Article – General Provisions  
26 Section 4–321  
27 Annotated Code of Maryland  
28 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
2 Article – Insurance  
3 Section 11–215(e) and 11–318(e)  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Transportation  
8 Section 12–113.1(b), 26–305(a), and 26–401  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Transportation  
13 Section 12–113.1(c)(1), 21–204.1, and 21–1401(a) and (b)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article – Transportation  
18 Section 21–1404.1  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

24 7–301.

25 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the  
26 court costs in a traffic case, including parking and impounding cases, cases under §  
27 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–1404.1**, § 21–1414, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation  
28 Article in which costs are imposed, and cases under § 10–112 of the Criminal Law Article  
29 in which costs are imposed:

30 (i) Are \$22.50; and

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

34 (2) In an uncontested case under § 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§**  
35 **21–1404.1**, § 21–1414, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article, an uncontested case  
36 under § 10–112 of the Criminal Law Article, or an uncontested parking or impounding case

1 in which the fines are paid directly to a political subdivision or municipality, costs are \$2.00,  
2 which costs shall be paid to and retained by the political subdivision or municipality.

3 7-302.

4 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) through (g) of this section, the clerks of  
5 the District Court shall:

6 (1) Collect costs, fines, forfeitures, or penalties imposed by the court; and

7 (2) Remit them to the State under a system agreed upon by the Chief Judge  
8 of the District Court and the Comptroller.

9 (e) (2) (iii) A citation issued as the result of any of the following systems or  
10 cameras controlled by a State agency shall provide that, in an uncontested or contested  
11 case, the penalty shall be paid directly to the District Court:

12 1. A traffic control signal monitoring system;

13 2. A work zone speed control system;

14 3. A speed monitoring system; [or]

15 4. A bus lane monitoring system; **OR**

16 **5. A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING**  
17 **SYSTEM.**

18 (3) (iii) Civil penalties resulting from citations issued using a speed  
19 monitoring system **OR A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM**  
20 controlled by the Maryland Transportation Authority that are collected by the District  
21 Court shall be collected in accordance with subsection (a) of this section and remitted to the  
22 Maryland Transportation Authority.

23 10-311.

24 (a) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a traffic control signal  
25 monitoring system in accordance with § 21-202.1 of the Transportation Article is  
26 admissible in a proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a  
27 violation of § 21-202(h) of the Transportation Article without authentication.

28 (b) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a speed monitoring system  
29 in accordance with § 21-809 or § 21-810 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a  
30 proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of Title 21,  
31 Subtitle 8 of the Transportation Article without authentication.

1 (c) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a school bus monitoring  
2 camera in accordance with § 21-706.1 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a  
3 proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 21-706  
4 of the Transportation Article without authentication.

5 (d) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a vehicle height monitoring  
6 system in accordance with § 24-111.3 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a  
7 proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of a State or  
8 local law restricting the presence of certain vehicles during certain times without  
9 authentication.

10 (e) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a bus lane monitoring system  
11 in accordance with § 21-1134 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a proceeding  
12 concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 21-1133 of the  
13 Transportation Article without authentication.

14 (f) A recorded image of a motor vehicle and any relevant recorded audio produced  
15 by a noise abatement monitoring system in conjunction with a noise measuring device in  
16 accordance with § 22-612 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a proceeding  
17 concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 22-602 of the  
18 Transportation Article without authentication.

19 (g) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a stop sign monitoring system  
20 in accordance with § 21-707.1 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a proceeding  
21 concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 21-707 of the  
22 Transportation Article without authentication.

23 (h) **A RECORDED IMAGE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCED BY A LANE**  
24 **DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**  
25 **21-1404.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE IS ADMISSIBLE IN A PROCEEDING**  
26 **CONCERNING A CIVIL CITATION ISSUED UNDER THAT SECTION FOR A VIOLATION OF**  
27 **§ 21-204.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE WITHOUT AUTHENTICATION.**

28 (I) In any other judicial proceeding, a recorded image produced by a vehicle  
29 height monitoring system, traffic control signal monitoring system, speed monitoring  
30 system, work zone speed control system, stop sign monitoring system, school bus  
31 monitoring camera, or bus lane monitoring system or a recorded image and any relevant  
32 recorded audio produced by a noise abatement monitoring system in conjunction with a  
33 noise measuring device is admissible as otherwise provided by law.

34 **Article – General Provisions**

35 4-321.

1 (a) In this section, “recorded image” or “recorded images” has the meaning stated  
2 in § 21–202.1, § 21–706.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, § 21–1134, **§ 21–1404.1**, § 22–612, or §  
3 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (7) a bus lane monitoring system operated under § 21–1134 of the  
19 Transportation Article;

20 (8) **A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM**  
21 **OPERATED UNDER § 21–1404.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;**

22 (9) a noise abatement monitoring system operated under § 22–612 of the  
23 Transportation Article; or

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

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

27 (1) as required in § 12–113.1, § 21–202.1, § 21–704.1, § 21–706.1, §  
28 21–707.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, § 21–1134, **§ 21–1404.1**, § 22–612, or § 24–111.3 of the  
29 Transportation Article;

30 (2) by any person issued a citation under § 21–202.1, § 21–704.1, §  
31 21–706.1, § 21–707.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, § 21–1134, **§ 21–1404.1**, § 22–612, or § 24–111.3  
32 of the Transportation Article, or by an attorney of record for the person; or

1 (3) by an employee or agent of an agency in an investigation or a proceeding  
2 relating to the imposition of or indemnification from civil liability under § 21-202.1, §  
3 21-704.1, § 21-706.1, § 21-707.1, § 21-809, § 21-810, § 21-1134, **§ 21-1404.1**, § 22-612,  
4 or § 24-111.3 of the Transportation Article.

#### 5 Article – Insurance

6 11-215.

7 (e) For purposes of reclassifying an insured in a classification that entails a  
8 higher premium, an insurer under an automobile insurance policy may not consider a  
9 probation before judgment disposition of a motor vehicle law offense, a civil penalty imposed  
10 pursuant to § 21-202.1, § 21-809, § 21-810, **§ 21-1404.1**, or § 24-111.3 of the  
11 Transportation Article, or a first offense of driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or  
12 more under § 16-205.1 of the Transportation Article on record with the Motor Vehicle  
13 Administration, as provided in § 16-117(b) of the Transportation Article.

14 11-318.

15 (e) For purposes of reclassifying an insured in a classification that entails a  
16 higher premium, an insurer under an automobile insurance policy may not consider a  
17 probation before judgment disposition of a motor vehicle law offense, a civil penalty imposed  
18 pursuant to § 21-202.1, § 21-809, § 21-810, **§ 21-1404.1**, or § 24-111.3 of the  
19 Transportation Article, or a first offense of driving with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or  
20 more under § 16-205.1 of the Transportation Article on record with the Motor Vehicle  
21 Administration, as provided in § 16-117(b) of the Transportation Article.

#### 22 Article – Transportation

23 12-113.1.

24 (b) This section applies to:

25 (1) Traffic control signal monitoring systems under § 21-202.1 of this  
26 article;

27 (2) Automated railroad grade crossing enforcement systems under §  
28 21-704.1 of this article;

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

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

31 (5) Speed monitoring systems under § 21-809 of this article;

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

1 (7) Bus lane monitoring systems under § 21-1134 of this article;

2 (8) **LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS**  
3 **UNDER § 21-1404.1 OF THIS ARTICLE;**

4 (9) Noise abatement monitoring systems under § 22-612 of this article;

5 [(9)] (10) Vehicle height monitoring systems under § 24-111.3 of this  
6 article; and

7 [(10)] (11) Any other automated traffic enforcement system authorized  
8 under State law.

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

13 21-204.1.

14 Where lane direction control signals are placed over the individual lanes of a  
15 highway, vehicular traffic may travel in any lane over which a green signal is shown, but  
16 may not enter or travel in any lane over which a red signal is shown.

17 21-1401.

18 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

19 (b) "Approach" means any roadway, overhead structure, ramp, bridge, causeway,  
20 entrance, and exit provided as a means of access to or departure from an Authority  
21 highway.

22 **21-1404.1.**

23 (A) (1) **IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
24 **INDICATED.**

25 (2) **"CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE" MEANS THE WILLIAM PRESTON**  
26 **LANE, JR., MEMORIAL CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE, THE PARALLEL CHESAPEAKE**  
27 **BAY BRIDGE, AND ANY APPROACHES TO THE BRIDGES.**

28 (3) **"LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM"**  
29 **MEANS A DEVICE THAT HAS ONE OR MORE MOTOR VEHICLE SENSORS CONNECTED**

1 TO A CAMERA SYSTEM CAPABLE OF PRODUCING RECORDED IMAGES OF MOTOR  
2 VEHICLES BEING USED IN THE COMMISSION OF A VIOLATION.

3 (4) "LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM  
4 OPERATOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN TRAINED AND CERTIFIED TO  
5 OPERATE A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM.

6 (5) (I) "OWNER" MEANS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A MOTOR  
7 VEHICLE OR A LESSEE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER A LEASE OF 6 MONTHS OR  
8 LONGER.

9 (II) "OWNER" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

10 1. A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL OR LEASING COMPANY;  
11 OR

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

14 (6) "RECORDED IMAGE" MEANS AN IMAGE RECORDED BY A LANE  
15 DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM:

16 (I) ON:

17 1. A PHOTOGRAPH;

18 2. A MICROPHOTOGRAPH;

19 3. AN ELECTRONIC IMAGE;

20 4. VIDEOTAPE; OR

21 5. ANY OTHER MEDIUM; AND

22 (II) SHOWING:

23 1. THE REAR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE; AND

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

1           **(7) “VIOLATION” MEANS A VIOLATION OF § 21-204.1 OF THIS TITLE**  
2 **FOR ENTERING OR TRAVELING IN A LANE OVER WHICH A RED LANE DIRECTION**  
3 **CONTROL SIGNAL IS SHOWN.**

4           **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE.**

5           **(C) (1) THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE**  
6 **MAY USE A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM THAT MEETS**  
7 **THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION TO RECORD THE IMAGES OF MOTOR**  
8 **VEHICLES BEING USED IN THE COMMISSION OF A VIOLATION.**

9           **(2) (I) A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM**  
10 **MAY BE USED ONLY IF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND MANUAL ON**  
11 **UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, A CONSPICUOUS ROAD SIGN IS PLACED AT**  
12 **A REASONABLE DISTANCE CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL GUIDELINES BEFORE THE**  
13 **LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM ALERTING DRIVERS THAT**  
14 **A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM MAY BE IN OPERATION**  
15 **ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE.**

16           **(II) BEFORE ACTIVATING A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL**  
17 **MONITORING SYSTEM, THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SHALL**  
18 **PROMINENTLY PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND USE OF THE LANE**  
19 **DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM ON ITS WEBSITE.**

20           **(III) MULTIPLE LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL**  
21 **MONITORING SYSTEMS MAY BE IMPLEMENTED AND USED AT THE SAME TIME IN THE**  
22 **SAME DIRECTION ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE.**

23           **(3) (I) A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM**  
24 **OPERATOR SHALL COMPLETE TRAINING BY THE MANUFACTURER OF THE LANE**  
25 **DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM IN THE PROCEDURES FOR**  
26 **SETTING UP, TESTING, AND OPERATING LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL**  
27 **MONITORING SYSTEMS.**

28           **(II) ON COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING, THE MANUFACTURER**  
29 **SHALL ISSUE A SIGNED CERTIFICATE TO THE LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL**  
30 **MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR.**

31           **(III) THE CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING SHALL BE ADMITTED AS**  
32 **EVIDENCE IN ANY COURT PROCEEDING FOR A VIOLATION.**

1           **(4) A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM**  
2 **OPERATOR SHALL FILL OUT AND SIGN A DAILY SET-UP LOG FOR A LANE DIRECTION**  
3 **CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM THAT:**

4           **(I) STATES THE DATE AND TIME WHEN AND THE LOCATION**  
5 **WHERE THE LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM WAS SET UP;**

6           **(II) STATES THAT THE LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL**  
7 **MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED, AND THE DEVICE**  
8 **PASSED, THE MANUFACTURER-SPECIFIED SELF-TESTS OF THE LANE DIRECTION**  
9 **CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM BEFORE PRODUCING A RECORDED IMAGE;**

10           **(III) SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE; AND**

11           **(IV) SHALL BE ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE IN ANY COURT**  
12 **PROCEEDING FOR A VIOLATION.**

13           **(5) (I) A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM**  
14 **SHALL UNDERGO AN ANNUAL CALIBRATION CHECK PERFORMED BY AN**  
15 **INDEPENDENT CALIBRATION LABORATORY.**

16           **(II) THE INDEPENDENT CALIBRATION LABORATORY SHALL**  
17 **ISSUE A SIGNED CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION AFTER THE ANNUAL CALIBRATION**  
18 **CHECK THAT:**

19                   **1. SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE; AND**

20                   **2. SHALL BE ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE IN ANY COURT**  
21 **PROCEEDING FOR A VIOLATION.**

22           **(D) (1) UNLESS THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE RECEIVED A**  
23 **CITATION FROM A MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE OFFICER OR**  
24 **ANOTHER POLICE OFFICER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION, THE OWNER OR, IN**  
25 **ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (G)(4) OF THIS SECTION, THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR**  
26 **VEHICLE IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY IF AN IMAGE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS**  
27 **RECORDED BY A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM IN**  
28 **ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION BEING USED IN THE**  
29 **COMMISSION OF A VIOLATION.**

30           **(2) A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS:**

31           **(I) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION OCCURRING ON A SINGLE TRIP**  
32 **TRAVELING IN ONE DIRECTION, \$90;**

1           **(II) FOR A SECOND VIOLATION OCCURRING ON THE SAME TRIP**  
2 **WHILE TRAVELING IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS THE FIRST VIOLATION, \$180; AND**

3           **(III) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OCCURRING ON**  
4 **THE SAME TRIP WHILE TRAVELING IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS THE SECOND, THIRD,**  
5 **OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, \$270.**

6           **(3) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL:**

7           **(I) PRESCRIBE A UNIFORM CITATION FORM CONSISTENT WITH**  
8 **SUBSECTION (E)(1) OF THIS SECTION AND § 7-302 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE; AND**

9           **(II) INDICATE ON THE CITATION THE AMOUNT OF THE CIVIL**  
10 **PENALTY TO BE PAID BY PERSONS WHO CHOOSE TO PREPAY THE CIVIL PENALTY**  
11 **WITHOUT APPEARING IN DISTRICT COURT.**

12           **(E) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) THROUGH (5) OF THIS**  
13 **SUBSECTION, THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE OR**  
14 **ITS CONTRACTOR SHALL MAIL TO THE OWNER ALLEGED TO BE LIABLE UNDER**  
15 **SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION A CITATION THAT SHALL INCLUDE:**

16           **(I) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OWNER OF**  
17 **THE VEHICLE;**

18           **(II) THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE**  
19 **INVOLVED IN THE ALLEGED VIOLATION;**

20           **(III) THE VIOLATION CHARGED;**

21           **(IV) THE LOCATION WHERE THE ALLEGED VIOLATION**  
22 **OCCURRED;**

23           **(V) THE DATE AND TIME OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION;**

24           **(VI) AT LEAST ONE RECORDED IMAGE OF THE VEHICLE WITH A**  
25 **DATA BAR IMPRINTED ON EACH IMAGE THAT SHOWS THE MOTOR VEHICLE BEING**  
26 **USED IN THE COMMISSION OF A VIOLATION AND THE DATE AND TIME THE IMAGE WAS**  
27 **RECORDED;**

28           **(VII) THE AMOUNT OF THE CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED AND THE**  
29 **DATE BY WHICH THE CIVIL PENALTY SHOULD BE PAID;**

1 (VIII) A SIGNED STATEMENT BY A MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION  
2 AUTHORITY POLICE OFFICER THAT, BASED ON INSPECTION OF RECORDED IMAGES,  
3 THE MOTOR VEHICLE WAS BEING USED IN THE COMMISSION OF A VIOLATION;

4 (IX) A STATEMENT THAT RECORDED IMAGES ARE EVIDENCE OF  
5 A VIOLATION;

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

9 (XI) INFORMATION ADVISING THE PERSON ALLEGED TO BE  
10 LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION THAT FAILURE TO PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY OR TO  
11 CONTEST LIABILITY IN A TIMELY MANNER:

12 1. IS AN ADMISSION OF LIABILITY;

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

15 3. MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF THE MOTOR  
16 VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

17 (2) THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE  
18 OR ITS CONTRACTOR MAY MAIL A WARNING NOTICE INSTEAD OF A CITATION TO AN  
19 OWNER ALLEGED TO BE LIABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

20 (3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (G)(4) OF THIS SECTION,  
21 THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE OR ITS  
22 CONTRACTOR MAY NOT MAIL A CITATION TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT AN OWNER.

23 (4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (G)(4) OF THIS SECTION, A  
24 CITATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MAILED NOT LATER THAN 2  
25 WEEKS AFTER THE ALLEGED VIOLATION IF THE VEHICLE IS REGISTERED IN THIS  
26 STATE, AND NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ALLEGED VIOLATION IF THE  
27 VEHICLE IS REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE.

28 (5) TO MAIL THE CITATION OR WARNING NOTICE, THE MARYLAND  
29 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE OR ITS CONTRACTOR SHALL USE:

30 (I) THE CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE  
31 ADMINISTRATION; OR

1                   **(II) IF A MAILING ADDRESS IS UNAVAILABLE, THE CURRENT**  
2 **RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON FILE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.**

3                   **(6) A PERSON WHO RECEIVES A CITATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**  
4 **THIS SUBSECTION MAY:**

5                   **(I) PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
6 **INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CITATION; OR**

7                   **(II) ELECT TO STAND TRIAL IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE**  
8 **ALLEGED VIOLATION.**

9                   **(F) (1) A CERTIFICATE ALLEGING THAT THE VIOLATION OF THIS**  
10 **SUBTITLE OCCURRED AND THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS**  
11 **SECTION HAVE BEEN SATISFIED, SWORN TO, OR AFFIRMED BY A MARYLAND**  
12 **TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE OFFICER, BASED ON INSPECTION OF**  
13 **RECORDED IMAGES PRODUCED BY A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL**  
14 **MONITORING SYSTEM, SHALL BE EVIDENCE OF THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE**  
15 **CERTIFICATE AND SHALL BE ADMISSIBLE IN A PROCEEDING ALLEGING A VIOLATION**  
16 **UNDER THIS SECTION WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OR TESTIMONY OF THE LANE**  
17 **DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM OPERATOR WHO PERFORMED**  
18 **THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

19                   **(2) IF A PERSON WHO RECEIVED A CITATION UNDER SUBSECTION (E)**  
20 **OF THIS SECTION DESIRES A LANE DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING**  
21 **SYSTEM OPERATOR TO BE PRESENT AND TESTIFY AT TRIAL, THE PERSON SHALL**  
22 **NOTIFY THE COURT AND THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE**  
23 **FORCE IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN 20 DAYS BEFORE TRIAL.**

24                   **(3) ADJUDICATION OF LIABILITY SHALL BE BASED ON A**  
25 **PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE.**

26                   **(G) (1) THE DISTRICT COURT MAY CONSIDER IN DEFENSE OF A**  
27 **VIOLATION:**

28                   **(I) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THAT**  
29 **THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR THE REGISTRATION PLATES OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE WERE**  
30 **STOLEN BEFORE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED AND WERE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL**  
31 **OR POSSESSION OF THE VEHICLE OWNER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION;**

32                   **(II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**  
33 **EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION WAS NOT OPERATING THE**  
34 **VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION; AND**

1 (III) ANY OTHER ISSUES AND EVIDENCE THAT THE DISTRICT  
2 COURT DEEMS PERTINENT.

3 (2) TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR THE  
4 REGISTRATION PLATES WERE STOLEN BEFORE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED AND  
5 WERE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OR POSSESSION OF THE OWNER AT THE TIME OF  
6 THE VIOLATION, THE OWNER SHALL SUBMIT PROOF THAT A POLICE REPORT  
7 REGARDING THE STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE OR REGISTRATION PLATES WAS FILED IN  
8 A TIMELY MANNER.

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

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

15 (II) INCLUDES ANY OTHER CORROBORATING EVIDENCE.

16 (4) (I) IF THE DISTRICT COURT FINDS THAT THE PERSON NAMED  
17 IN THE CITATION WAS NOT OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE  
18 VIOLATION OR RECEIVES EVIDENCE UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION  
19 IDENTIFYING THE PERSON DRIVING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION,  
20 THE CLERK OF THE COURT MAY PROVIDE TO THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION  
21 AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE A COPY OF ANY EVIDENCE SUBSTANTIATING WHO WAS  
22 OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION.

23 (II) ON RECEIPT OF SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE FROM THE  
24 DISTRICT COURT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE MARYLAND  
25 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE MAY ISSUE A CITATION AS  
26 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION TO THE PERSON WHO THE  
27 EVIDENCE INDICATES WAS OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE  
28 VIOLATION.

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

32 (H) IF A PERSON LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT PAY THE CIVIL  
33 PENALTY OR CONTEST THE VIOLATION, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY:

1           **(1) REFUSE TO REGISTER OR REREGISTER THE REGISTRATION OF**  
2 **THE MOTOR VEHICLE CITED FOR THE VIOLATION; OR**

3           **(2) SUSPEND THE REGISTRATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE CITED FOR**  
4 **THE VIOLATION.**

5           **(I) A VIOLATION FOR WHICH A CIVIL PENALTY IS IMPOSED UNDER THIS**  
6 **SECTION:**

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

9           **(2) MAY NOT BE RECORDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE**  
10 **DRIVING RECORD OF THE OWNER OR DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE;**

11           **(3) MAY BE TREATED AS A PARKING VIOLATION FOR PURPOSES OF §**  
12 **26-305 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

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

15           **(J) (1) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION**  
16 **AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE, THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL**  
17 **ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS, THE TRIAL OF CIVIL**  
18 **VIOLATIONS, AND THE COLLECTION OF CIVIL PENALTIES UNDER THIS SECTION.**

19           **(2) THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE,**  
20 **PROCESSING, AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDED IMAGES AND ASSOCIATED DATA**  
21 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 12-113.1 OF THIS ARTICLE APPLY TO CITATIONS ISSUED**  
22 **UNDER THIS SECTION.**

23           **(K) (1) THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE**  
24 **OR ITS CONTRACTOR SHALL ADMINISTER AND PROCESS CIVIL CITATIONS ISSUED**  
25 **UNDER THIS SECTION IN COORDINATION WITH THE DISTRICT COURT.**

26           **(2) IF A CONTRACTOR PROVIDES, DEPLOYS, OR OPERATES A LANE**  
27 **DIRECTION CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE MARYLAND**  
28 **TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE, THE CONTRACTOR'S FEE MAY NOT**  
29 **BE CONTINGENT ON THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED OR PAID.**

30           **(L) THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT**  
31 **REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR LANE DIRECTION**  
32 **CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

1 26–305.

2 (a) The Administration may not register or transfer the registration of any vehicle  
3 involved in a parking violation under this subtitle, a violation under any federal parking  
4 regulation that applies to property in this State under the jurisdiction of the U.S.  
5 government, a violation of § 21–202(h) of this article as determined under § 21–202.1 of this  
6 article or Title 21, Subtitle 8 of this article as determined under § 21–809 or § 21–810 of  
7 this article, **A VIOLATION OF § 21–204.1 OF THIS ARTICLE AS DETERMINED UNDER §**  
8 **21–1404.1 OF THIS ARTICLE**, or a violation of the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law  
9 under § 10–110 of the Criminal Law Article or a local law or ordinance adopted by  
10 Baltimore City relating to the unlawful disposal of litter as determined under § 10–112 of  
11 the Criminal Law Article, if:

12 (1) It is notified by a political subdivision or authorized State agency that  
13 the person cited for the violation under this subtitle, § 21–202.1, § 21–809, or § 21–810 of  
14 this article, or § 10–110 or § 10–112 of the Criminal Law Article has failed to either:

15 (i) Pay the fine for the violation by the date specified in the citation;  
16 or

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

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

22 (3) It is notified by a U.S. District Court that a person cited for a violation  
23 under a federal parking regulation:

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

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

28 26–401.

29 If a person is taken before a District Court commissioner or is given a traffic citation  
30 or a civil citation under § 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, **§ 21–1404.1**, § 21–1414, or §  
31 24–111.3 of this article containing a notice to appear in court, the commissioner or court  
32 shall be one that sits within the county in which the offense allegedly was committed.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Highway  
34 Administration shall provide the Maryland Transportation Authority with access to the  
35 State Highway Administration’s existing vendor contacts and processes to assist the

1 Maryland Transportation Authority in the planning and implementing of the use of lane  
2 direction control signal monitoring systems under this Act.

3           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2026.