

HOUSE BILL 1630

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By: **Delegate Arentz**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Queen Anne's County – Speed Monitoring System – U.S. Route 301**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the ~~placement~~ State Highway Administration to place and
4 use ~~of~~ speed monitoring systems on a certain portion of U.S. Route 301 in Queen
5 Anne's County; and generally relating to the placement and use of speed monitoring
6 systems in Queen Anne's County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9 Section 7-302(e)(3)(ii)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article – Transportation

14 Section 21-809(a)(1) and (9) ~~and~~, (b)(1)(i)1., and (k)(2)(xi) and (xii) and (3)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Transportation

19 Section ~~21-809(b)(1)(vi)8. and 9.~~ 21-809(a)(2), (b)(1)(i)2., (vi)8. and 9., and (viii),

20 (d)(2), and (k)(2)(x)

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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



(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 21–809(b)(1)(vi)10.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7–302.

(e) (3) (ii) 1. The fines collected by the District Court as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 in Baltimore County [and], ON Interstate 83 in Baltimore County, AND ON U.S. ROUTE 301 APPROACHING THE INTERSECTIONS OF OR BETWEEN MARYLAND ROUTE 405 AND MARYLAND ROUTE 19 IN QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY shall be remitted to the Comptroller for distribution to the State Highway Administration to be used solely to:

A. Recover the cost of implementing and administering the speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 in Baltimore County [and], ON Interstate 83 in Baltimore County, AND ON U.S. ROUTE 301 APPROACHING THE INTERSECTIONS OF OR BETWEEN MARYLAND ROUTE 405 AND MARYLAND ROUTE 19 IN QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY; and

B. Assist in covering the cost of roadway and safety improvements on Interstate 695 in Baltimore County [and], ON Interstate 83 in Baltimore County, AND ON U.S. ROUTE 301 IN QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY.

2. Fines distributed to the State Highway Administration under subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph are supplemental to and are not intended to take the place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated for uses described under subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph.

Article – Transportation

21–809.

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

(2) “Agency” means:

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

4 (ii) For a municipal corporation that does not maintain a police force,
5 an agency established or designated by the municipal corporation to implement this
6 subtitle using speed monitoring systems in accordance with this section;

7 (iii) For speed monitoring systems placed and used on Interstate 83
8 in Baltimore County [or], Interstate 695 in Baltimore County, OR ON U.S. ROUTE 301
9 APPROACHING THE INTERSECTIONS OF OR BETWEEN MARYLAND ROUTE 405 AND
10 MARYLAND ROUTE 19 IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, the State Highway Administration;
11 or

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

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

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

20 2. The State Highway Administration may use speed
21 monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore County [and], ON U.S. ROUTE 301
22 APPROACHING THE INTERSECTIONS OF OR BETWEEN MARYLAND ROUTE 405 AND
23 MARYLAND ROUTE 19 IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, AND Interstate 695 in Baltimore
24 County in accordance with this section.

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

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

34 10. ~~IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY,~~ BY THE STATE HIGHWAY
35 ADMINISTRATION ON U.S. ROUTE 301 AT APPROACHING THE INTERSECTIONS OF

1 **OR BETWEEN MARYLAND ROUTE 405 AND MARYLAND ROUTE 19 IN QUEEN ANNE'S**
2 **COUNTY.**

3 (viii) Before activating a speed monitoring system, the local
4 jurisdiction, the State Highway Administration, or the Maryland Transportation
5 Authority, as appropriate, shall:

6 1. Publish notice of the location of the speed monitoring
7 system on its website and in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction;

8 2. Ensure that each sign that designates a school zone is
9 proximate to a sign that:

10 A. Indicates that speed monitoring systems are in use in the
11 school zone; and

12 B. Is in accordance with the manual for and the specifications
13 for a uniform system of traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration
14 under § 25–104 of this article;

15 3. With regard to a speed monitoring system established on
16 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County, based on proximity
17 to an institution of higher education under subparagraph (vi)3 of this paragraph, on
18 Interstate 83 in Baltimore City, in Anne Arundel County on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup
19 Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel
20 County–Howard County line, at the intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and
21 Bonfield Avenue in Talbot County, on Interstate 83 in Baltimore County or Interstate 695
22 in Baltimore County, [or] on Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector) in Montgomery
23 County, OR ON U.S. ROUTE 301 APPROACHING THE INTERSECTIONS OF OR BETWEEN
24 MARYLAND ROUTE 405 AND MARYLAND ROUTE 19 IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY,
25 ensure that all speed limit signs approaching and within the segment of highway on which
26 the speed monitoring system is located include signs that:

27 A. Are in accordance with the manual and specifications for
28 a uniform system of traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration
29 under § 25–104 of this article; and

30 B. Indicate that a speed monitoring system is in use; and

31 4. With regard to a speed monitoring system placed on
32 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County, Interstate 83 in
33 Baltimore City, in Anne Arundel County on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road) between
34 the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel County–Howard County
35 line, at the intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue in
36 Talbot County, on Interstate 83 in Baltimore County or Interstate 695 in Baltimore County,
37 [or] on Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector) in Montgomery County, OR ON U.S.

1 ROUTE 301 APPROACHING THE INTERSECTIONS OF OR BETWEEN MARYLAND
2 ROUTE 405 AND MARYLAND ROUTE 19 IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, ensure that each
3 sign that indicates that a speed monitoring system is in use is proximate to a device that
4 displays a real-time posting of the speed at which a driver is traveling.

5 (d) (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this
6 paragraph, an agency may mail a warning notice instead of a citation to the owner liable
7 under subsection (c) of this section.

8 (ii) With regard to a speed monitoring system established on
9 Interstate 83 in Baltimore City, an agency shall mail a warning notice instead of a citation
10 for a violation recorded by the speed monitoring system during the first 90 days that the
11 speed monitoring system is in operation.

12 (iii) With regard to a speed monitoring system established on
13 Interstate 83 in Baltimore County [or], Interstate 695 in Baltimore County, OR ON U.S.
14 ROUTE 301 APPROACHING THE INTERSECTIONS OF OR BETWEEN MARYLAND
15 ROUTE 405 AND MARYLAND ROUTE 19 IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, the State
16 Highway Administration shall mail a warning notice instead of a citation for a violation
17 recorded by the speed monitoring system during the first 30 days that the speed monitoring
18 system is in operation.

19 (k) (2) The report shall include:

20 (x) The locations at which each speed monitoring system was used
21 in the local jurisdiction, on Interstate 83 in Baltimore County or Interstate 695 in Baltimore
22 County, [or] on Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector), OR ON U.S. ROUTE 301
23 APPROACHING THE INTERSECTIONS OF OR BETWEEN MARYLAND ROUTE 405 AND
24 MARYLAND ROUTE 19 IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY;

25 (xi) The activation start and stop dates of each speed monitoring
26 system for each location at which it was used; and

27 (xii) The number of citations issued by each speed monitoring system
28 at each location.

29 (3) Each local jurisdiction with a speed monitoring system program, the
30 State Highway Administration, or the Maryland Transportation Authority shall submit the
31 information required under paragraph (2) of this subsection to the Commission by October
32 31 of each year and assist the Commission in the preparation of the annual report.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34 October 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and 9 months and, at the
35 end of June 30, 2033, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
36 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.