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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed
4 monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply in Baltimore County;
5 requiring that all speed limit signs within certain segments of certain highways in
6 Baltimore County include certain signs; making placement and use of a speed
7 monitoring system under this Act contingent on a determination by the Baltimore
8 County Police Department that the speed monitoring system is necessary and on the
9 approval of the Baltimore County Council; and generally relating to speed
10 monitoring systems in Baltimore County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 21–101(a) and (s) and 21–809(a)(1) and (8) and (b)(1)(i)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 21–809(b)(1)(vi) and (viii)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Transportation
23 Section 21–809(b)(1)(xii)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Transportation

21–101.

(a) In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

(s) “Residential district” means an area that:

(1) Is not a business district; and

(2) Adjoins and includes a highway where the property along the highway, for a distance of at least 300 feet, is improved mainly with residences or residences and buildings used for business.

21–809.

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

(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.

(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.

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

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

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

3. In Prince George’s County:

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

B. 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

1 within one-half mile of the grounds of a building or property used by the institution of
2 higher education where generally accepted traffic and engineering practices indicate that
3 motor vehicle, pedestrian, or bicycle traffic is substantially generated or influenced by the
4 institution of higher education;

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

7 5. In Anne Arundel County, on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup
8 Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel
9 County–Howard County line; or

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

12 (viii) Before activating a speed monitoring system, the local
13 jurisdiction shall:

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

16 2. Ensure that each sign that designates a school zone is
17 proximate to a sign that:

18 A. Indicates that speed monitoring systems are in use in the
19 school zone; and

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

23 3. With regard to a speed monitoring system established on
24 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George’s County, based on proximity
25 to an institution of higher education under subparagraph (vi)3 of this paragraph, on
26 Interstate 83 in Baltimore City, **IN BALTIMORE COUNTY UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (VI)1**
27 **OF THIS PARAGRAPH**, in Anne Arundel County on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road)
28 between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel County–Howard
29 County line, or at the intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield
30 Avenue in Talbot County, ensure that all speed limit signs approaching and within the
31 segment of highway on which the speed monitoring system is located include signs that:

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

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

4. With regard to a speed monitoring system placed on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County, Interstate 83 in Baltimore City, in Anne Arundel County on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel County–Howard County line, or at the intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue in Talbot County, ensure that each sign that indicates that a speed monitoring system is in use is proximate to a device that displays a real-time posting of the speed at which a driver is traveling.

(XII) A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM MAY NOT BE PLACED OR USED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (VI)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH UNLESS:

1. THE BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM IS NECESSARY BASED ON A TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYSIS FOR THE PROPOSED LOCATION CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS; AND

2. THE PLACEMENT AND USE OF THE SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM IS APPROVED BY THE BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL AFTER NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT ARE PROVIDED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.