

HOUSE BILL 915

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By: **Delegate Foley**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Out-of-State Drivers – Enforcement**
3 **(Out-of-State Driver Accountability Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each county and municipal automated traffic enforcement
5 program to submit to the Vision Zero coordinator a quarterly report containing
6 certain information regarding each citation issued under the program during the
7 quarter to a motor vehicle registered in another state; authorizing the Attorney
8 General or certain State’s Attorneys to bring a civil action in the appropriate court
9 for the payment of certain unpaid and overdue traffic citations against certain
10 drivers or owners of certain motor vehicles who are residents of the District of
11 Columbia or certain motor vehicles registered in the District of Columbia; and
12 generally relating to enforcement of the Maryland Vehicle Law against out-of-state
13 drivers.

14 BY renumbering
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 8–1006 and 8–1007
17 to be Section 8–1007 and 8–1008, respectively
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Transportation
22 Section 8–1006 and 26–205
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

25 Preamble

26 WHEREAS, The District of Columbia has enacted the Strengthening Traffic
27 Enforcement, Education, and Responsibility Act of 2024 (“STEER Act”); and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The STEER Act authorizes the Attorney General of the District of
2 Columbia to bring a civil action in court against any driver, including drivers licensed in
3 Maryland, for specified motor vehicle violations; and

4 WHEREAS, The STEER Act authorizes the Attorney General of the District of
5 Columbia to bring a civil action in court against any motor vehicle, including a motor
6 vehicle registered in Maryland, operated by a driver in a manner that violates specified
7 motor vehicle laws; and

8 WHEREAS, In a civil action brought under the STEER Act against a driver, the
9 Attorney General of the District of Columbia is authorized to seek from a driver licensed in
10 Maryland (1) payment of outstanding fines; (2) attorney's fees; and (3) the suspension or
11 revocation of the driver's privilege to drive in the District of Columbia; and

12 WHEREAS, In a civil action brought under the STEER Act against a motor vehicle,
13 the Attorney General of the District of Columbia is authorized to seek immobilization of
14 the motor vehicle through towing and impoundment, or booting, and possibly the
15 auctioning or scrapping of the motor vehicle; and

16 WHEREAS, Unpaid traffic citations incentivize dangerous driving habits, imperiling
17 all road users and pedestrians and hampering Maryland's attempts to achieve its Vision
18 Zero goal of zero vehicle-related deaths or serious injuries on roadways by the year 2030;
19 now, therefore,

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
21 That Section(s) 8-1006 and 8-1007 of Article – Transportation of the Annotated Code of
22 Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 8-1007 and 8-1008, respectively.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
24 as follows:

25 Article – Transportation

26 8-1006.

27 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL AUTOMATED
28 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS THAT IMPLEMENT:

29 (1) TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS UNDER §
30 21-202.1 OF THIS ARTICLE;

31 (2) AUTOMATED RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING ENFORCEMENT
32 SYSTEMS UNDER § 21-704.1 OF THIS ARTICLE;

1 (3) SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS UNDER § 21-706.1 OF THIS
2 ARTICLE;

3 (4) STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS UNDER § 21-707.1 OF THIS
4 ARTICLE;

5 (5) SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS UNDER § 21-809 OF THIS ARTICLE;

6 (6) WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEMS UNDER § 21-810 OF THIS
7 ARTICLE;

8 (7) BUS LANE MONITORING SYSTEMS UNDER § 21-1134 OF THIS
9 ARTICLE;

10 (8) NOISE ABATEMENT MONITORING SYSTEMS UNDER § 22-612 OF
11 THIS ARTICLE;

12 (9) VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS UNDER § 24-111.3 OF
13 THIS ARTICLE; OR

14 (10) ANY OTHER COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL AUTOMATED TRAFFIC
15 ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AUTHORIZED UNDER STATE LAW.

16 (B) EACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
17 PROGRAM SHALL SUBMIT A QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE COORDINATOR STATING,
18 FOR EACH CITATION ISSUED DURING THE APPLICABLE QUARTER TO A MOTOR
19 VEHICLE REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE:

20 (1) THE REGISTRATION PLATE NUMBER AND STATE OF
21 REGISTRATION;

22 (2) WHETHER THE CITATION HAS BEEN PAID; AND

23 (3) WHETHER THE CITATION IS PAST DUE.

24 (C) EACH QUARTERLY REPORT SHALL:

25 (1) INCLUDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)
26 OF THIS SECTION FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER;

27 (2) UPDATE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PREVIOUS QUARTERLY
28 REPORTS TO REFLECT CITATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY PAID AND ARE
29 NO LONGER CONSIDERED PAST DUE; AND

(3) PROVIDE A CUMULATIVE SUMMARY OF:

(I) CITATIONS ISSUED UNDER THE PROGRAM TO MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE;

(II) THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PAID; AND

(III) THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS THAT ARE PAST DUE.

(D) THE COORDINATOR SHALL COLLABORATE WITH COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

26-205.

(A) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION IN THE APPROPRIATE COURT FOR THE PAYMENT OF AN UNPAID AND OVERDUE TRAFFIC CITATION, INCLUDING TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED UNDER AN AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, AGAINST:

(1) A RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WHO IS THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE THAT WAS INVOLVED IN THE TRAFFIC VIOLATION THAT LED TO THE CITATION;

(2) A RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO WHOM THE MOTOR VEHICLE THAT WAS INVOLVED IN THE TRAFFIC VIOLATION THAT LED TO THE CITATION IS REGISTERED; OR

(3) A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA THAT WAS INVOLVED IN THE TRAFFIC VIOLATION THAT LED TO THE CITATION.

(B) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY NOT BRING A CIVIL ACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR A TRAFFIC CITATION THAT:

(1) IS BEING CONTESTED OR APPEALED;

(2) IS NOT PAST ITS DUE DATE;

(3) HAS BEEN PAID; OR

1 (4) IS SUBJECT TO AN INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN THAT IS NOT IN
2 DEFAULT.

3 (C) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL STATE'S
4 ATTORNEY MAY SEEK:

5 (1) PAYMENT OF ANY OUTSTANDING FINES FOR UNPAID AND
6 OVERDUE TRAFFIC CITATIONS;

7 (2) REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES;

8 (3) THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE DRIVER'S OR
9 REGISTERED OWNER'S PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE IN THE STATE; OR

10 (4) IMMOBILIZATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE THAT WAS INVOLVED
11 IN THE TRAFFIC VIOLATION THAT LED TO THE CITATION BY TOWING OR REMOVAL
12 AND IMPOUNDMENT, OR BOOTING.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2025.