

SENATE BILL 501

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By: **Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2025

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Speed Monitoring System Citations – Late Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a citation generated by a speed monitoring system
4 located in Baltimore City include certain information regarding late fees; authorizing
5 the Baltimore Police Department to charge a late fee for the failure to pay a civil
6 penalty or contest liability for a citation generated by a speed monitoring system
7 located in Baltimore City; and generally relating to speed monitoring systems.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 21–809(c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 21–809(d)(1) and (6)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Transportation
20 Section 21–809(d)(6)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Transportation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



21-809.

(c) (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection (f)(4) of this section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is recorded by a speed monitoring system while being operated in violation of this subtitle.

(2) A civil penalty under this subsection may not exceed \$40.

(3) For purposes of this section, the District Court shall prescribe:

(i) A uniform citation form consistent with subsection (d)(1) of this section and § 7-302 of the Courts Article; and

(ii) A civil penalty, which shall be indicated on the citation, to be paid by persons who choose to prepay the civil penalty without appearing in District Court.

(d) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection, an agency shall mail to an owner liable under subsection (c) of this section a citation that shall include:

(i) The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;

(ii) The registration number of the motor vehicle involved in the violation;

(iii) The violation charged;

(iv) The location where the violation occurred;

(v) The date and time of the violation;

(vi) A copy of the recorded image;

(vii) The amount of the civil penalty imposed and the date by which the civil penalty should be paid;

(viii) A signed statement by a duly authorized law enforcement officer employed by or under contract with an agency that, based on inspection of recorded images, the motor vehicle was being operated in violation of this subtitle;

(ix) A statement that recorded images are evidence of a violation of this subtitle;

(x) Information advising the person alleged to be liable under this section of the manner and time in which liability as alleged in the citation may be contested in the District Court; [and]

(xi) Information advising the person alleged to be liable under this section that failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner:

1. Is an admission of liability;
2. May result in the refusal by the Administration to register the motor vehicle; and
3. May result in the suspension of the motor vehicle registration; AND

(XII) FOR A CITATION GENERATED BY A SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM LOCATED IN BALTIMORE CITY, INFORMATION ADVISING THE PERSON ALLEGED TO BE LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION THAT FAILURE TO PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY OR TO CONTEST LIABILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY RESULT IN THE ASSESSMENT OF A LATE FEE.

(6) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.

(II) AN AGENCY MAY CHARGE A LATE FEE IF A PERSON ALLEGED TO BE LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION FAILS TO PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY OR TO CONTEST LIABILITY WITHIN A TIMEFRAME DETERMINED BY THE AGENCY.

[(6)] (7) To mail the citation or warning notice, an agency shall use:

- (i) The current mailing address on file with the Administration; or
- (ii) If a mailing address is unavailable, the current residential address on file with the Administration.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.