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Dear Jurisdiction:

District Court Headquarters would like to remind all jurisdictions and vendors who operate red light, speed monitoring, school bus camera, vehicle height monitoring, and toll violation camera programs that it is your responsibility to review each type of citation for currency, accuracy, and compliance with the District Court's statewide uniform citations.

The following bills related to the State's Uniform Citation process were passed during the **2021 Legislative Session**:

- [HB 967 - Baltimore City - Speed Monitoring Systems - Interstate 83](#)
  - **Effective June 1, 2021**, authorizes the placement and use of not more than two speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City.
  - Requires that fines collected by Baltimore City as a result of violations enforced by the speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83 be used to assist in covering the cost of roadway improvements on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City.
  - With regard to a speed monitoring system established on interstate 83 in Baltimore City, an agency shall mail a warning notice instead of a citation for a violation recorded by the speed monitoring system during the first 90 days that the speed monitoring system is in operation.
  - **Abrogates (terminates) June 30, 2026.**
  - The [Speed Monitoring Disposition Docket](#) is revised effective 06/01/2021 to add a new checkbox for "Baltimore City – Interstate 83" option.
- [SB 888 - Anne Arundel County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Maryland Route 175 \(Jessup Road\)](#)
  - **Effective October 1, 2021**, authorizes the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road) in Anne Arundel County between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel County-Howard County line, subject to placement and signage requirements.
  - Fines collected as a result of violations enforced by those speed cameras, any balance remaining after cost recovery must be remitted to the Comptroller for distribution to the State Highway Administration (SHA) to be used solely to assist in covering the cost of speed reduction measures and roadway and pedestrian safety improvements in the affected area.
  - **Abrogates (terminates) September 30, 2026.**
  - The [Speed Monitoring Disposition Docket](#) will be revised effective 10/01/2021 to add a new checkbox for "Anne Arundel County - Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road)" option.

- [HB 619 - Prince George's County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Residential Districts - PG 302-21](#)
  - **Effective October 1, 2020**, authorizes the placement of speed monitoring systems in Prince George's County on highways in residential districts with a maximum posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour.
  - The [Speed Monitoring Disposition Docket](#) will be revised effective 10/01/2021 to add a new checkbox for "Prince George's County - Residential District" option.
  
- [HB 562 - Montgomery County - Speed Limits - Establishment MC 02-21](#)
  - **Effective October 1, 2021**, authorizes Montgomery County and municipalities in Montgomery County to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour on highways only after performing an engineering and traffic investigation.
  - Prohibits Montgomery County and municipalities in Montgomery County from implementing a *new* speed monitoring system to enforce speed limits on any portion of a highway for which the speed limit has been decreased under TR § 21-803(a)(4).
  - No changes are necessary to the statewide [Speed Monitoring Systems Uniform Program Documents](#) as a result of this legislation.
  
- [HB 626 - Prince George's County - Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems PG 305-21](#)
  - **Effective October 1, 2021**, authorizes Prince George's County (and municipalities within the county) to place vehicle height monitoring systems on highways in Prince George's County if authorized by the appropriate governing body after notice and a public hearing, similar to the authorization for such systems currently in place for Baltimore City (and, beginning October 1, 2021, in Baltimore County). Before the installation of any vehicle height monitoring systems, the governing body of the local jurisdiction shall: i) establish a workgroup including commercial transportation industry representatives to assist the local government in: 1) Evaluating existing truck routes; 2) Identifying areas for vehicle height monitoring enforcement; and 3) Evaluating existing signage and identifying locations where signage could be improved; ii) adopt a local law limiting the overall number of vehicle height monitoring systems that may be placed in the local jurisdiction; and iii) the governing body of the local jurisdiction may adopt a local law exempting certain vehicles from the enforcement of height restrictions by a vehicle height monitoring system in the local jurisdiction.
  - A local law government agency must issue a warning for a vehicle's first violation. The maximum fine for a citation is \$250 for a second violation and \$500 for a third or subsequent violation.
  - No changes are necessary to the current statewide [Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems Uniform Program Documents](#).
  
- [SB 41, Chapter 504 \(2020\) - Baltimore County - Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems](#)
  - **Delayed effective date of October 1, 2021**, authorizes Baltimore County to place vehicle height monitoring systems on highways in Baltimore County if authorized by the Baltimore County Council after notice and a public hearing. Before the installation of any vehicle height monitoring systems, the governing body of the local jurisdiction shall: i) establish a workgroup including commercial transportation industry representatives to assist the local government in: 1) Evaluating existing truck routes; 2) Identifying areas for vehicle height monitoring enforcement; and 3) Evaluating existing signage and identifying locations where signage could be improved; ii) adopt a local law limiting the overall number of vehicle height monitoring systems that may be placed in the local jurisdiction; and iii) the governing body of the local jurisdiction may adopt a local law exempting certain vehicles from the enforcement of height restrictions by a vehicle height monitoring system in the local jurisdiction. A local law government agency must issue a warning for a vehicle's first violation. The maximum fine for a citation is \$250 for a second violation and \$500 for a third or subsequent violation.

- o No changes are necessary to the current statewide [Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems Uniform Program Documents](#).

**Program administrators or their designee are advised to review current citations and related court documents to ensure compliance with the approved statewide citation. If citations are not in compliance, jurisdictions must provide revised copies of these citations to District Court Headquarters for approval. Documents can be emailed to: [districtcourt@mdcourts.gov](mailto:districtcourt@mdcourts.gov).**

**For jurisdictions with speed monitoring programs, you are responsible to provide local contact information on the statewide citation. Please verify that the local designee contact information located on back of the citation is accurate and up to date.** The statewide uniform citations and related documents with the District Court seal are not to include any additional fees, whether they are administrative fees, MVA flagging fees, or credit card convenience fees.

Samples of the citations, any revision notifications, and law enforcement resources (including statewide citation information) can be found on the Law Enforcement webpages of the District Court website at [mdcourts.gov/district/sforms/sforms](http://mdcourts.gov/district/sforms/sforms). Agencies can obtain login information (user ID and password) by emailing: [districtcourt@mdcourts.gov](mailto:districtcourt@mdcourts.gov).

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and continued efforts to provide a fair, equitable, and efficient program for the citizens of Maryland. If you have any additional questions, please contact Amber Herrmann, Deputy Director - Administrative Services, at 410-260-1638 or [amber.herrmann@mdcourts.gov](mailto:amber.herrmann@mdcourts.gov).



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