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BILL NO/TITLE: SB642 – Harford County - Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems

COMMITTEE: House Environment & Transportation Committee

POSITION: Support

Purpose: SB642 would authorize Harford County to use camera monitoring to enforce its truck routes. Currently only Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Prince George’s County have this authority.

Background: Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Prince George’s County have spent significant time working with trucking industry stakeholders to complete comprehensive reviews of legal truck routes, identify areas where trucks must have priority access, and develop maps showing the routes truck drivers should use. For those reasons, MMTA supported legislation that gave these jurisdictions the authority to use vehicle height monitoring systems to detect and fine trucks on prohibited roadways. As amended in the Senate, SB642 will require the same processes by Harford County. Those amendments addressed concerns raised by Maryland Motor Truck Association about the unintended consequences of increased camera enforcement as there are a high number of false positives generated by these cameras among moving companies, home heating fuel deliveries, and e-commerce. They commit Harford County to undergo a similar review to those completed in the other jurisdictions. For those reasons, MMTA supports this legislation.

About Maryland Motor Truck Association: Maryland Motor Truck Association is a not-for-profit trade association representing the trucking industry since 1935. In service to its 1,000 members, MMTA is committed to supporting and advocating for a safe, efficient, and profitable trucking industry across all sectors and industry types, regardless of size, domicile, or type of operation.

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