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HB 231

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POSITION: SUPPORT

Montgomery County – Automated Traffic Enforcement – Implementing Agency MC 18-22

This is enabling legislation that was previously introduced in the 2021 Session and was supported by the County Executive and County Council as an important component of our Vision Zero strategy. By moving automated traffic enforcement (ATE) from the police department to the transportation department, we believe that the program will be better focused on traffic management goals that will lead to safer streets and fewer traffic injuries and fatalities.

House Bill 231 allows Montgomery County to transfer its ATE program from the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) to the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT). The bill provides that in Montgomery County, MCDOT would be granted the authority to issue violation citations from speed cameras, red light cameras, and school bus cameras.

The 2021 bill was amended to add red light camera violations and school bus camera violations and passed the House by a vote of 97-39. It was heard in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee but did not advance before the end of session. This year's bill, HB 231, is in the same posture as the 2021 House-passed bill.

Montgomery County supports this enabling legislation and urges a favorable report.