

January 31, 2024

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

RE: Letter of Information – Senate Bill 155 – Vehicle Laws – Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems – Authorization

Dear Chair Smith and members of the Committee:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) offers the following letter of information for the Committee's consideration on Senate Bill 155.

Senate Bill 155 authorizes the use of noise abatement monitoring systems in Anne Arundel County, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County to enforce violations of State law governing maximum sound limits of motor vehicles. The use of noise abatement monitoring systems must be authorized by local law.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) understands the implementation and operation of these noise abatement monitoring system programs to be matters of local concern. In those instances where equipment would be mounted to, or utilize SHA infrastructure or right-of-way, SHA will maintain approval or permitting processes in a similar manner to those for other types of automated enforcement systems. As a part of this process, SHA would seek to recover costs from sponsor agencies for SHA's engineering reviews and permit approvals.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information during its deliberations of Senate Bill 155.

Respectfully submitted,

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