

CHAPTER 315

(House Bill 391)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain law enforcement agencies to mail a citation to the owner of a motor vehicle that is recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system to be in violation of certain laws regarding entering an intersection against a red signal indication; establishing the content of a citation; authorizing the sending of a warning in lieu of a citation; authorizing reissuance of a citation to a driver of a vehicle under certain circumstances; requiring a citation to be mailed within a certain time period; ~~authorizing the establishment and imposition of civil penalties requiring the District Court to prescribe a certain citation form and a civil penalty to be indicated on the citation for certain purposes; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to adopt certain procedures;~~ providing that the owner of the vehicle is responsible for paying the civil penalty under certain circumstances; providing that persons receiving citations may elect to stand trial in the District Court; establishing defenses that may be considered; authorizing certain owners to submit a certain letter to the District Court in order to establish a certain defense; imposing certain additional penalties and authorizing certain other actions when an owner fails to pay the civil penalty, contest liability, or appear for trial; prohibiting imposition of liability under this Act from being considered a moving violation for certain purposes, being recorded on the driving record of the owner or driver, or being considered by an insurer for certain purposes; providing for the admissibility and use of certain evidence; modifying the jurisdiction of the District Court for certain purposes; providing for the handling of certain court costs and penalties; ~~regulating the disclosure of certain information;~~ defining certain terms; prohibiting the custodian of recorded images produced by a traffic control signal monitoring system from allowing inspection of the recorded images, subject to certain exceptions; and generally relating to imposition of liability on the owner of a motor vehicle recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system violating certain laws regarding traffic control signals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments;

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-401(11) and (12), 7-301(a), and 7-302(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-401(13), 7-302(e), and 10-311

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