

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.

CHAPTER 411

(House Bill 509)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County - Railroad Grade Crossings - Automated Enforcement Systems

PG 320-07

FOR the purpose of providing for the use of automated railroad grade crossing enforcement systems at railroad grade crossings in Prince George's County to determine compliance with certain vehicle laws; requiring a certain recording of a violation of certain laws regarding railroad crossings to contain certain information; authorizing certain law enforcement agencies in Prince George's County to mail a citation within a certain period of time to the owner of a motor vehicle that is recorded in Prince George's County by an automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system to be in violation of certain laws regarding railroad grade crossings; establishing the content of a citation; authorizing the sending of a warning in lieu of a citation; 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; limiting the amount of the civil penalties; 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; 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 being considered by an insurer for certain purposes; providing for the admissibility and use of certain evidence; expanding the jurisdiction of the District Court; defining certain terms; and generally relating to imposition of liability on the owner of a motor vehicle recorded in Prince George's County by