

1 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

2  
3 2012 Legislative Session

4 Legislative Day # 7

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6 BILL NO. 2012-06

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8 Introduced by: Charles County Commissioners

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10 SCHOOL BUS CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEMS  
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16 Date introduced: 03 / 20 / 2012

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18 Public Hearing: 04 / 17 / 2012 @ 3:30 p.m.

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20 Commissioners Action: 04 / 17 / 2012

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22 Commissioner Votes: CQK: Y, RC: Y, KR: Y, DD: Y, BR: Y

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24 Pass/Fail: Pass

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26 Effective Date: 06 / 01 / 2012

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29 Remarks:

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1                   **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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4 Bill No. 2012-06

5 Chapter No. 287

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9                                   **BILL**

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11 AN ACT concerning

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13                                   **SCHOOL BUS CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEMS**

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15 FOR the purpose of

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17                   Authorizing the Office of the Sheriff, in consultation with the county board of education,  
18 to place school bus monitoring cameras on county school buses to capture a recorded image of a  
19 driver of a motor vehicle committing a violation of § 21-706 of the Maryland Code  
20 Transportation Article.

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22 BY adding:

23                   Chapter 287. Vehicles and Traffic  
24                   Sections 287-15 through 287-17  
25                   Code of Charles County, Maryland  
26                   (1994 Edition, 2010 Supplement)

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28 BY adding:

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30                   **SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF**

1 CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Charles County, Maryland read as  
2 follows:

3 **Chapter 287. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

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5 **ARTICLE IV – SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS.**

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7 **287.15 . DEFINITIONS.** IN THIS ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL  
8 HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

9 A. (I) “OWNER” MEANS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A MOTOR  
10 VEHICLE OR A LESSEE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER A LEASE OF SIX  
11 (6) MONTHS OR MORE.

12 (II) “OWNER” DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- 13 1. A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL OR LEASING COMPANY; OR
- 14 2. THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE  
15 ISSUED UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 9, PART III OF THE  
16 ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, TRANSPORTATION  
17 ARTICLE.

18 B. “RECORDED IMAGE” MEANS AN IMAGE RECORDED BY A SCHOOL  
19 BUS CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEM:

20 (I) ON:

- 21 1. TWO OR MORE PHOTOGRAPHS;
- 22 2. TWO OR MORE MICROPHOTOGRAPHS;
- 23 3. TWO OR MORE ELECTRONIC IMAGES;
- 24 4. VIDEOTAPE; OR
- 25 5. ANY OTHER MEDIUM; AND

26 (II) SHOWING:

- 27 1. THE REAR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE; AND
- 28 2. ON AT LEAST ONE (1) IMAGE OR PORTION OF TAPE, A  
29 CLEAR AND LEGIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF THE

1 REGISTRATION PLATE NUMBER FROM THE FRONT OR  
2 REAR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE;

3 C. "SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERA" MEANS A CAMERA PLACED  
4 ON A SCHOOL BUS THAT IS DESIGNED TO CAPTURE A RECORDED  
5 IMAGE OF A DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE COMMITTING A  
6 VIOLATION.

7 D. "VIOLATION" MEANS A VIOLATION OF § 21-706 OF THE MARYLAND  
8 CODE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

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10 **287.16. AUTHORIZATION.**

11 A. THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY  
12 BOARD OF EDUCATION, MAY PLACE SCHOOL BUS MONITORING  
13 CAMERAS ON COUNTY SCHOOL BUSES TO CAPTURE A RECORDED  
14 IMAGE OF A DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE COMMITTING A  
15 VIOLATION OF § 21-706 OF THE MARYLAND CODE TRANSPORTATION  
16 ARTICLE.

17 B. THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CITATIONS  
18 TO VEHICLE OWNERS BASED UPON THE INFORMATION RECORDED  
19 BY THE "RECORDED IMAGE" OF THE SCHOOL BUS MONITORING  
20 CAMERA IN ACCORDANCE WITH MD CODE, TRANSPORTATION § 21-  
21 706.1.

22 C. SHOULD THE DISTRICT COURT APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE OR  
23 LATE FEES, THE COUNTY WILL ASSESS SUCH FEES IN ACCORDANCE  
24 WITH THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE DISTRICT COURT.

25 D. IF AFTER 35 DAYS THE CITATION HAS NOT BEEN SATISFIED, THE  
26 COUNTY MAY REQUEST ADJUDICATION OF THE CASE THROUGH THE  
27 DISTRICT COURT.

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29 **287.17 CONFLICT IN LAW.**

30 IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS ARTICLE TO IMPLEMENT AND EXERCISE THE USE OF

1 SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS AS AUTHORIZED BY THE ANNOTATED  
2 CODE OF MARYLAND, TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, § 21-706.1. ACCORDINGLY,  
3 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE ARE ADDITIONAL TO AND NOT A  
4 SUBSTITUTION FOR ANY AND ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE 7 OF TITLE  
5 21 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE WHICH ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED  
6 HEREIN BY REFERENCE. IN THE EVENT ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN THE  
7 PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE INCORPORATED PROVISIONS OF  
8 SUBTITLE 7 OF TITLE 21, OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE THE PROVISIONS OF  
9 SUBTITLE 7 OF TITLE 21 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE SHALL.

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11 **SECTION 2.** BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect forty-five  
12 (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

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14 **ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

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16 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
17 CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

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21 Candice Quinn Kelly, President

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41 Denise Ferguson, Clerk to the Commissioner