

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 24-003

Brief Title (Heights Monitoring)

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT**

**ENROLLED**

*Acting*  
[Signature]  
Council Administrator  
Date March 19, 2024

[Signature]  
Council President  
Date 3/19/24

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 24-010

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

*Acting*  
[Signature]  
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

*Acting*  
[Signature]  
Council Administrator

**BY THE EXECUTIVE**

[Signature]  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date 3/21/24

**BY THE COUNCIL**



This Bill No. 24-003 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on March 21, 2024.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 20, 2024

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 24-003

Introduced by Council Member Jacob Bennett

Legislative Day No. 24-006 Date February 13, 2024

AN ACT to add new Article VIII, Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems, to Chapter 244, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to enforce certain State and local laws restricting the presence of certain vehicles during certain times; defining certain terms; subject to certain standards, procedures, requirements, and limitations; exempting certain vehicles from enforcement; authorizing certain civil penalties for violations; and authorizing the adoption of regulations to carry out the provisions of this act; and generally relating to the vehicle height monitoring system.

By the Council, February 13, 2024

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: March 12, 2024

at: 6:30 PM

By Order: *Mylia A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on March 12, 2024, and concluded on March 12, 2024.

*Mylia A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland, that new Article  
2 VIII, Height Monitoring Systems, be, and it is hereby, added to Chapter 244, Vehicles and Traffic,  
3 of the Harford County Code, as amended, all to read as follows:

4 **Chapter 244. Vehicles and Traffic**

5 **ARTICLE VIII. VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS**

6 **§ 244-29. DEFINITIONS.**

7 A. DEFINITIONS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS  
8 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

9 **VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEM** – HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 24-  
10 111.3 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF  
11 MARYLAND.

12 **ENABLING LAW** – MEANS § 24-111.3 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OF THE  
13 ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

14 **§ 244-30. USE OF THE VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEM.**

15 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENABLING LAW, THE COUNTY MAY USE AND ENFORCE  
16 CITATIONS ISSUED FROM VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS WITHIN THE  
17 COUNTY.

18 **§ 244-31. GOVERNING STANDARDS**

19 A. IN GENERAL

20 A VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEM MAY NOT BE USED EXCEPT IN  
21 ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE PREREQUISITES, STANDARDS,  
22 PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, LIMITATIONS, AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF;

23 (1) THE STATE ENABLING LAW; AND

24 (2) THIS ARTICLE AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED

1 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

2 B. NO MORE THAN SIX (6) VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS MAY BE  
3 OPERATIONAL AT ANY ONE TIME.

4 **§ 244-32. EXEMPTIONS OF ENFORCEMENT**

5 THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE TYPES ARE EXEMPT FROM ENFORCEMENT BY A  
6 VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEM;

- 7 (A) SCHOOL BUSES;
- 8 (B) PUBLIC TRANSIT VEHICLES;
- 9 (C) EMERGENCY VEHICLES;
- 10 (D) GOVERNMENT VEHICLES;
- 11 (E) UTILITY AND HOME ENERGY COMPANY VEHICLES;
- 12 (F) COMMERCIAL TRANSIT VEHICLES;
- 13 (G) WELL DRILLING TRUCKS;
- 14 (H) MOVING COMPANY VEHICLES;
- 15 (I) SEPTIC SERVICE TRUCKS;
- 16 (J) TREE SERVICE TRUCKS;
- 17 (K) TRASH AND RECYCLING TRUCKS; AND
- 18 (L) PACKAGE DELIVERY VEHICLES.

19 **§ 244-33. ENFORCEMENT**

20 A. A VIOLATION RECORDED BY A VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEM IS  
21 SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY AS PROVIDE IN THE STATE ENABLING LAW.

22 B. THE HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND ITS DEPUTIES ARE  
23 AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES CONSISTENT WITH THE

1 STATE ENABLING LAW.

2 C. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY ADOPT  
3 REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE.

4 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the  
5 date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: May 20, 2024

*The Council Administrator does hereby  
certify that fifteen (7) copies of this Bill are  
immediately available for distribution to the  
public and the press.*

*Mylia A. Dixon*  
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Council Administrator