



VISION ZERO PBTSAC UPDATE



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State Legislation related to Vision Zero

Legislative Terminology Pt. 1

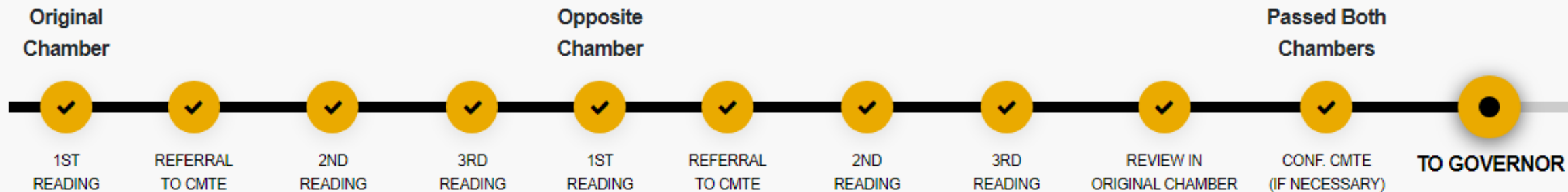
Common Terms and Process

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- **Pre-filed bill** - A bill the Department of Legislative Services drafts, by request, prior to a legislative session for introduction in that session. Prefiling dates are set by law.
- **Cross-filed bill** - An identical bill that is introduced in both chambers.
- **Local Only Bill** – the bill affects only one county or Baltimore City.
- **Crossover Date** - Each chamber sends to the other chamber those bills it passes favorably by this date.
- **Sine Die** – final day of the 90 day legislative session.

- Process for a bill becoming law:

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HB0105
CH0715



Legislative Terminology Pt. 2

How to read the following bill summary slides

- **Abbreviations**

- **HB** = House Bill. Designates the bill was filed in the Maryland House of Delegates.
- **SB** = Senate Bill. Designates the bill was filed in the Maryland Senate.
- **MC** = Montgomery County Local Bill. The bill was reviewed by the Montgomery County Delegation and, if given a house or senate bill number, was supported by the County Delegation. The bill only affects Montgomery County.
- E&T = House Environment and Transportation Committee.
- JPR = Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

- **Bill name color code**

- Blue name = Passed to the Governor for signature or veto.
- Red name = Did not pass both houses prior to Sine Die (last day of the legislative session).

Automated Enforcement Bills

Allowing vehicle noise and bus lane monitoring systems in the County.

- [HB 761/ MC 6-24](#) – Bill as passed by the House would provide some fine revenue to SHA for bus stop improvements. Senate stripped all camera language and passed a bill forbidding bus stop on 5+ lane roadways unless there is a crossing guard or traffic control device present. House adopted Senate's bill and Governor signed the bill into law.
- [SB 943](#) – Authorize bus lane monitoring cameras across Maryland. Approved by the Governor.
- [HB 212 / SB 155](#) – Authorize vehicle noise up to 3 monitoring systems per county in MC and PG. Approved by the Governor.
- [HB 1369 / MC 11-24](#) – Allow MdTA to install speed monitoring systems on ICC (MD 200). The bill made it out of the County's delegation, but not out of House committee.
- [HB 665 / MC 15-24](#) - Provide Montgomery County the authority to place automated speed enforcement on HIN corridors. Passed the House, but did not leave Senate committee.
- [HB 413 / MC 19-24](#) – Remove requirement to publicize new approved camera locations in a newspaper. Passed the House, but did not leave Senate committee.
- [HB 1001](#) – Creating statewide standards for ATE data privacy, retention, and deletion. Passed the House, but did not leave Senate committee.

Speed, Impaired, and Reckless Driving Bills

After 6 years, the “Noah’s Law” loophole was closed!

- [HB 105](#) – Require ignition interlocks for impaired drivers given probation before judgement. Passed both houses and approved by Governor.
- [HB 601](#) – Increased points and fines for involvement in speed contest or exhibition driving. Passed both houses and approved by Governor.
- [HB 612 / MC 10-24](#) – Lower speed limits without traffic study if lower target speeds in approved plan. Passed the House, but did not leave the Senate committee.
- [HB 278](#) – Allow SHA to decrease posted speed limit by 5 MPH on urban State highways without an engineering or traffic investigation. Passed the House, but did not leave the Senate committee.
- [HB 207](#) – Increasing penalties for reckless and aggressive driving. The bill did not make it out of House committee.
- [HB 683](#) – Specifying that certain crimes involving homicide or life-threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel are violent crimes for the purpose of parole eligibility. The bill did not make it out of committee.
- [HB 1160 / SB 940](#) - Altering the penalties for the offenses of allowing the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and reckless, negligent, and aggressive driving; and adding certain motor vehicle offenses as elements that may contribute to charges for reckless or aggressive driving. This bill would have made driving 90 MPH or over a reckless driving charge. Neither version made it out of committee.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Bills

Enhanced penalties for drivers striking cyclists in a bike lane

- [SB 315 / HB 337](#) – Up to 2 months in jail, up to \$2,000 fine, or both for drivers striking a non-motorist in a bike lane. The bill was named after Sarah Debbink Langenkamp, who was killed while riding in a bike lane on River Road in Bethesda. Bill passed both chambers and approved by Governor.
- [SB 406 / HB 356](#) – Originally would have created a new state level Vision Zero Advisory Committee, but was amended to require MDOT to livestream and provide meeting minutes for existing quarterly meeting. This group will also review all SHA infrastructure review reports resulting from fatal crashes.
- [MC 7-24](#) – Requiring no turn on red and leading pedestrian intervals at State owned intersections in urban areas in Montgomery County. (Similar to recently passed “Safe Streets Act of 2023” at the County level.) The bill did not make it out of the County Delegation and not assigned a house bill number.
- [HB 263](#)- Require MDOT/SHA to provide sidewalk maintenance along State ROW. The bill did not make it out of the House committee.
- [SB 200](#) – require construction of new sidewalks within one year of notice by the County Board of Education. The bill did not make it out of committee and was opposed by Montgomery County due to unfunded, multi-million dollar mandate.
- [HB 135](#) – Would have changed how pedestrians and bicyclists use MdTA facilities and require MdTA to construct bikeways and walkways. Bill did not make it out of committee.
- [HB 511](#) – Would have allowed “Idaho stop” for bicyclists to yield at stop signs with 2 or fewer cross lanes. The bill passed the House, but was not heard at JPR.



Thanks! See You in July.