NEW MARYLAND LAWS

2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION





Work Zone Speed Control Systems – Revisions Maryland Road Worker Protection Act of 2024

Effective June 1, 2024	Effective January 1, 2025	
Fines increase to \$80	Sliding scale fine structure ranging from \$60-\$500* *Fines double when workers are present	
	More than one camera	
	Flashing blue lights	
	Updated signage/lighting	



Work zone safety is everyone's job.





Beginning January 1, 2025:

Speed Range, in Excess of Work Zone Speed Limit	Fine	Fine (Workers Present)
Between 12 and 15 mph	\$60	\$120
Between 16 and 19 mph	\$80	\$160
Between 20 and 29 mph	\$140	\$280
Between 30 and 39 mph	\$270	\$540
40 mph or more	\$500	\$1,000





Street Racing and Exhibition Driving

(October 1, 2024)

Increased Penalties

Increase in number of points

Mandatory court appearances

Doubling of fines

Possibility of one year imprisonment



EXHIBITION DRIVING

- Operating a vehicle
- Close proximity to a crowd/gathering
- Intentionally resulting in two or more of six listed behaviors





FOLLOWING CONVICTION POINTS ASSESSED:

Participating in a race/speed contest on a highway

Engaging in exhibition driving on a highway

Participating in a race/speed contest on a highway resulting in serious bodily injury

Engaging in exhibition driving on a Highway resulting in serious bodily Injury 8 Points

8 Points

12 Points

12 Points





Motorcycles – Passenger Restrictions

(October 1, 2024)

Additional Guidance to Motorcycle Passengers

Must be able to position feet firmly on footrests

Exception to those with a permanent disability









Bike Lanes and Shoulders – Yielding Right–of–Way

Sarah Debbink Langenkamp Memorial Act

(October 1, 2024)

Increased Penalties for Drivers who Hit Cyclists on Shoulder or in Bike Lane

Driver contributing to serious injury/death of cyclist Bicycle, motor scooter, electronic personal assistive mobility device

Up to \$2,000 in fines

Up to two months in jail





Drunk Driving Offenses – Expungement and the Ignition Interlock System Program **Noah's Law**

(October 1, 2024)

Strengthens Noah's Law of 2016

Expungement of certain PBJs

Ignition interlocks for offenders who receive PBJ

10,161 PBJs (2023)





Vision Zero Implementation

(October 1, 2024)

Community engagement

Investing more into construction needs for high-crash areas

Prioritizing resources in communities most affected by crashes

MDOT quarterly public meetings



WORK ZONE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

- Work Zone Safety Work Group established by Governor Wes Moore with Lt. Governor Aruna Miller serving as Chair.
- **Membership**: law enforcement officers, labor leaders, traffic engineers, highway safety experts, and workers.
- **Results**: over two dozen recommendations including:
 - Immediate increased presence of state troopers
 - \$500,000 funding for safety campaigns
 - Updated driver manual





WORK ZONE SAFETY CAMPAIGN



Video playlist: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVcDxIgqUpr1AtaMd OBRR2ggwwmF7C0h



METRICS THROUGH JUNE 17

- TV Advertisements (OTT and CTV): 1.46 million views
- Geo Targeted Digital Ads: 10.7 million impressions
- Social Media (Static, Infeed videos, story/reels):
 4.8 million impressions
- Billboards: 14 billboards around central MD





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In Maryland, there are 1,200+ work zone crashes each year putting

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