

CHAPTER 13

(Senate Bill 312)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City - Illegal Dumping - Surveillance Systems

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Baltimore City Department of Public Works (Department) to place certain surveillance systems at certain dumping sites in Baltimore City for a certain purpose; providing that certain persons recorded on a surveillance image while committing a certain littering offense are subject to certain penalties; ~~requiring the Department to mail a certain citation to the owner of a motor vehicle that is recorded on a certain surveillance image being used in the commission of a certain violation;~~ establishing a maximum fine for a violation of certain laws or ordinances relating to littering that are enforced by means of a surveillance system; requiring the District Court, in consultation with the Department, to prescribe a certain citation form; requiring the Department to mail a certain citation to the owner of a motor vehicle that is recorded on a certain surveillance image being used in the commission of a certain violation; requiring a citation to include certain information; authorizing the Department to send a warning instead of a citation; requiring a citation to be mailed within a certain time period; providing that persons who receive a certain citation may pay the civil penalty or may elect to stand trial in the District Court; establishing that a certain certificate may be evidence of certain facts and shall be admissible in a certain proceeding; establishing the standard of proof for a violation of law enforced by means of a surveillance system under this Act; establishing certain defenses that the District Court may consider for a violation enforced by means of a surveillance system under this Act; authorizing a vehicle owner to submit certain evidence to the court to establish certain defenses; authorizing the Department to reissue a citation under certain circumstances; requiring the District Court to forward certain evidence to the Department; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to refuse to register ~~or reregister~~ a motor vehicle or to suspend the registration of a motor vehicle if a person named in a citation does not pay the penalty or contest the violation; providing that a violation under this Act may not be recorded on a certain driving record and may be treated as a parking violation for certain purposes; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court, in consultation with the Department, to adopt certain procedures; establishing that the District Court has exclusive original jurisdiction in a proceeding for a civil infraction under this Act; providing for the court costs in a proceeding under this Act; establishing certain requirements for a citation issued under this Act; providing for the distribution of penalties paid for a violation of certain offenses and ordinances enforced by means of surveillance systems; requiring the custodian of a surveillance image to deny inspection of the image except under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from registering or transferring the registration of a vehicle involved in a violation of a certain provision of law or a certain ordinance as determined by means of a surveillance system under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally