

# SENATE BILL 840

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By: **Senator Sydnor**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Automatic License Plate Readers – Captured Plate Data**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “historical data” to include automatic license  
4 plate reader data stored by cloud computing; establishing that certain captured  
5 automatic license plate reader data is the property of a certain law enforcement  
6 agency and may not be sold for any purpose; and generally relating to automatic  
7 license plate readers.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 3–509(a)(1)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Public Safety

15 Section 3–509(a)(6) and (b)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Public Safety**

21 3–509.

22 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (6)    “Historical data” means any data collected by an automatic license plate  
2 reader system and stored:

3                   **(I)**    in an automatic license plate reader database operated by **OR**  
4 **FOR** the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center or by **OR FOR** a law enforcement  
5 agency; **OR**

6                   **(II)    THROUGH CLOUD COMPUTING.**

7           (b)    (1)    A law enforcement agency may not use captured plate data unless the  
8 agency has a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

9                   **(2)    AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE DATA CAPTURED IN ACCORDANCE**  
10 **WITH THIS SECTION:**

11                   **(I)    IS THE PROPERTY OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY;**  
12 **AND**

13                   **(II)   MAY NOT BE SOLD FOR ANY PURPOSE.**

14                   **[(2)] (3)**    An employee of a law enforcement agency who violates this  
15 subsection is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$10,000  
16 or both.

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2024.