



## Non-safety-related traffic stops are for minor violations that do not make roads safer.

Minor violations include equipment violations, vehicle registration issues, or low-level traffic infractions.

*Examples: broken taillight, defective brake light, window tints, expired registration, driving in a bus-only lane, etc.*

# Safer Traffic Stops for All



**Maryland currently has 5 non-safety-related violations that cannot be the primary reason for a traffic stop.**

*Officers can issue citations or warnings for these violations but they cannot be the reason for the stop.*



**Safer Traffic Stops for All will limit 9 additional non-safety-related violations.**

*Officers will no longer be able to use these 9 violations alone to pull people over.*

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## Consequences of non-safety-related stops:

- expose police and drivers to potentially dangerous encounters,
- contribute to racial disparities in traffic enforcement, and
- waste police resources by diverting their attention away from dangerous driving.

Studies show that Black drivers are stopped *20% more often* than white drivers when non-safety-related stops are allowed.

## Benefits of limiting non-safety-related stops:

- improved traffic *and* public safety,
- strengthened community trust,
- reduced risks of unnecessary traffic stops,
- decreased racial disparities in traffic enforcement, and
- no negative impact on crime reduction or road safety.

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Sources: Vera; "Race-Based Traffic Stop Data Dashboard."