



DEB'S DISTRICT UPDATE

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SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Support Senate Bill 0147 & House Bill 0208

The General Assembly is considering bills seeking to curtail exhibition driving (defined as drag racing and other types of reckless driving) by giving police impound discretion and assigning fines and other penalties for these violations. I urge you to express your support for Senate Bill 0147 and cross-filed House Bill 0208.

Senate Bill 0147 Details

Click [here](#) to read the bill. Sponsored by Senator Beidle; assigned to Judicial Proceedings Committee

The bill defines exhibition driving as the following:

- Excessive or abrupt acceleration or deceleration
- Skidding, squealing, burning or smoking tires
- Swerving or swaying from side to side
- Unreasonably loud or disturbing motor noise
- Grinding gears or backfiring motors
- Wheelies or any of the wheels not keeping contact with the ground
- Passengers riding on the vehicle's hood or roof

Exhibition driving may not occur on a highway or private property.

Penalties: The bill enables the police to impound vehicles on the spot if violations are occurring. Point reductions on the driver's license are assigned with increased penalties if such activities result in bodily injury or death. Violations can also carry imprisonment or fines.

Public Hearing

When: January 31, 1pm

Where: [Judicial Proceedings committee](#)

How: Testimony is accepted orally (in person and by Zoom) and written. Oral testimony is limited to two minutes. Written testimony must be in PDF.

Sign up to testify [here](#); sign up starts one day in advance of the hearing. More testimony guidelines: click [here](#).

Hearings are held in person and streamed [here](#). Bill order is determined by 12pm on the day of the hearing