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Speeders can no longer view police radar reading

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It's a little-known fact that, if you get pulled over for speeding in Virginia, you can ask police officers to show you how fast you were clocked on their radar.

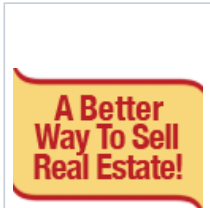
If you have not taken advantage of that yet, do not bother. The legislature just approved a change that would prohibit speeders from knowing just how fast they are going.

Supporters of the bill cite the potential for a confrontation when a police officer brings people back to the cruiser to show them the radar reading.

"The only information of relevance is on that detector, so it doesn't seem unreasonable for individuals in that circumstance to be able to request to see their own speed and that which will be recorded. It's a simple double check," said Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-Centreville), who opposed the change.

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