

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 357

BY SENATOR CARTER

TRAFFIC. Requires posting of red light camera locations. (8/1/16)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:44, relative to red light cameras; to require notification of red light camera locations; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:44 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§44. Required notification for red light cameras

A. Local municipal authorities or local parish authorities shall post signs located in a visible manner in each direction that a red light camera is present.

B. Failure of a municipal or parish authority to comply with Subsection A of this Section shall prohibit the use of any photographic or video images collected by the red light camera to impose or collect any civil or criminal fine, fee, or penalty by or on behalf of the municipal or parish authority.

C. For the purposes of this Section, "red light camera" means a device installed at an intersection designed to collect photographic or video evidence of alleged traffic violations by recording images that depict the license plate or other identifying feature of a motor vehicle that is not operated in compliance with instruction of a traffic control signal or a posted traffic sign.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley E. Menou.

DIGEST

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Present law gives local governing authorities the power to enact ordinances regulating the movement of traffic and other such similar rules and regulations.

Proposed law requires that if a local municipal or local parish governing authority installs red light cameras a sign must also be posted indicating that a red light camera is present. Requires the sign to be visible in each direction.

Proposed law provides that the failure of a municipal or parish authority to comply with proposed law shall prohibit the use of any photographic or video images collected by the red light camera to impose or collect any civil or criminal fine, fee, or penalty by or on behalf of the municipal or parish authority.

Proposed law defines a red light camera as a device installed at an intersection designed to collect photographic or video evidence of alleged traffic violations by recording images that depict the license plate or other identifying features of a motor vehicle being operated out of compliance with instruction of a traffic control signal or a posted traffic sign.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 32:44)