2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 542

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

## MTR VEHICLE/VIOLATIONS: Provides for increased penalties for certain traffic-control signal violations

AN ACT
To enact R.S. 32:232(3)(e), (f), and (g), relative to penalties for certain traffic-control signal
violations; to provide for increased penalties for red light indication violations; and
to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 32:232(3)(e), (f), and (g) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§232. Traffic-control signals
Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting different
colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in
combination, only the colors green, red, and yellow shall be used, except for special
pedestrian signals carrying a word legend, and said lights shall indicate and apply to
drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:
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(3) Steady RED indication:
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(e) Notwithstanding any provision contained in this Section to the contrary,
for red indications or signal infractions, if the violation results in the injury of
another person, the offender shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor
more than five hundred dollars and may be subjected to a driver's license suspension
for a period of ninety days, or both.

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1	(f) If the violation results in the serious bodily injury of another person, the
2	offender shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand
3	dollars and may be subjected to a driver's license suspension for a period of one
4	hundred eighty days, or both.
5	(g) If the violation results in the death of another person, the offender shall
6	be fined not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars and
7	may be subjected to a driver's license suspension for a period up to three hundred and
8	sixty five days, or both.
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## DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases penalties for red light traffic-control signal violations.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that if a violation results in the injury of another person, the offender will be fined not less than \$500 and may be subject to a driver's license suspension for a period up to ninety days, or both.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that if the violation results in serious bodily injury of another person, the offender will be fined not less than \$500 no more than \$1,000 and may be subjected to a driver's license suspension for a period up to 180 days, or both.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that if the violation results in the death of another person, the offender will be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000 and be subjected to a driver's license suspension for a period up to 365 days, or both.

(Adds R.S. 32:232(3)(e), (f), and (g))