2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 542

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

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

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 32:232(3)(e), (f), and (g), relative to penalties for certain traffic-control signal
3	violations; to provide for increased penalties for red light indication violations; and
4	to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 32:232(3)(e), (f), and (g) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§232. Traffic-control signals
8	Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting different
9	colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in
10	combination, only the colors green, red, and yellow shall be used, except for special
11	pedestrian signals carrying a word legend, and said lights shall indicate and apply to
12	drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:
13	* * *
14	(3) Steady RED indication:
15	* * *
16	(e) Notwithstanding any provision contained in this Section to the contrary,
17	for red indications or signal infractions, if the violation results in the injury of
18	another person, the offender shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor
19	more than five hundred dollars and may be subjected to a driver's license suspension
20	for a period of ninety days, or both.

Page 1 of 2

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

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, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. The offender may also
4	subjected to a driver's license suspension for a period of one hundred eighty days.
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,
7	imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. The offender may also be subjected
8	to a driver's license suspension for a period up to three hundred and sixty-five days.
9	* * *

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 542 Reengrossed	2024 Regular Session	Cox
--------------------	----------------------	-----

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 shall be fined not less than \$500 and may be subject to a driver's license suspension for a period up to 90 days, or both.

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

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

(Adds R.S. 32:232(3)(e)-(g))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Administration of</u> <u>Criminal Justice to the engrossed bill:</u>

- 1. Add a penalty of imprisonment of not more than six months when the violation results in serious bodily injury of another person.
- 2. Add a penalty of imprisonment of not more than one year when the violation results in the death of another person.