

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 487

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

MTR VEHICLE/VIOLATIONS: Provides relative to running red lights

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:232(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 32:232(3)(h),
3 relative to traffic control signals; to provide relative to traffic violations; to provide
4 relative to penalties for violations when no injury occurs; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 23:232(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and reenacted and
8 R.S. 32:232(3)(h) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §232. Traffic-control signals

10 Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting different
11 colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in
12 combination, only the colors green, red, and yellow shall be used, except for special
13 pedestrian signals carrying a word legend, ~~and said.~~ The lights shall indicate and
14 apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

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16 (3) Steady RED indication:

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18 (h) If the violation involves entering a shoulder or turn lane to overtake a
19 vehicle that is stopped or slowing to a stop at a red indication, but does not result in
20 an injury, the offender shall be fined two hundred fifty dollars.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides a fine for using a shoulder or turning lane to overtake a vehicle stopped at a red light.

Present law provides penalties for violating rules regarding red traffic signal indications as follows:

- (1) When it results in an injury to another person, a \$200 to \$500 fine and potential suspension of the driver's license for 90 days, or both.
- (2) When it results in serious bodily injury to another person, a \$500 to \$1,000 fine, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both, and potential suspension of the driver's license for 180 days.
- (3) When it results in death of another person, a \$1,000 to \$5,000 fine, imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, and potential suspension of the driver's license for up to 365 days.

Proposed law adds a penalty of a \$250 fine when the offender uses the shoulder or turning lane to overtake a vehicle at a red indication, but an injury does not result.

(Amends R.S. 32:232(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 32:232(3)(h))