
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes law enforcement to use fleet camera systems to issue citations for violations of driving on the right side of highways in Louisiana.

Present law prohibits any vehicle on a multilane hwy. at a speed slower than the posted maximum speed limit, except when overtaking and passing a vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway. Further provides for fines based on violations of present law as follows:

- (1) A fine of \$150 for the first offense.
- (2) A fine of \$250 for a second subsequent offense within a 12-month period of the first offense.
- (3) A fine of \$350 for a third subsequent offense within a 12-month period of the first offense or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both.

Proposed law authorizes any law enforcement officer to use fleet camera systems to capture audio and visual recordings of any vehicle in violation of present law, operating only on multilane highways, for purposes of issuing a citation. Requires the cameras to record the violation for the purpose of issuing a citation without requiring the officer to pull over the vehicle.

Proposed law allows citations issued through proposed law to be issued by mail and provide for an administrative hearing process for the motorist to appeal the citation violation.

Proposed law requires that citations issued pursuant to proposed law contain an attestation on the back of the citation allowing the driver who receives the violation to attest either that at the time of the violation, the person who received the notice of violation was not the owner of the vehicle or that the vehicle was in the care, custody, and control of another at the time of the violation. Specifies that the attestation does not need to be notarized. Further provides the driver who receives the violation with the option to inform on who was the owner or driver at the time of the violation.

Proposed law requires the fines collected for violations of proposed law be allocated to the La. office of state police.

Proposed law defines "fleet camera system" as a network of law enforcement vehicle-mounted cameras that capture, store, and analyze video footage while the vehicle is in motion or at rest.

(Amends R.S. 32:71(Section heading) and (C)-(E); Adds R.S. 32:71(F))