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HOUSE BILL NO. 859

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

TRAFFIC/VIOLATIONS: Requires automated traffic enforcement systems to use a standardized caution light time

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:43, relative to automated traffic enforcement systems; to require traffic  
3 enforcement systems to use a standardized caution light time as recommended by the  
4 National Motorist Foundation; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:43 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §43. Caution light standards; automated traffic enforcement systems

8 A. Local municipal authorities or local parish authorities in this state which  
9 utilize automated traffic enforcement systems to issue traffic citations shall use the  
10 maximum caution or "yellow light" interval duration of six seconds as recommended  
11 by the National Motorist Association Foundation and the Institute of Transportation  
12 Engineers' technical committee for all intersections, as the absolute minimum caution  
13 interval duration for any intersection utilizing an automated enforcement system.

14 B. For the purposes of this Section, the term "automated traffic enforcement  
15 system" means an unmanned or handheld camera or optical device installed to work  
16 in conjunction with a traffic control signal or radar speed detection equipment, or  
17 both, and designed to collect photographic evidence of alleged traffic violations for  
18 the issuance of traffic citations by recording images that depict the license plate or  
19 other identifying feature of a motor vehicle not in compliance with instruction of a  
20 traffic control signal or posted traffic sign.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires automated traffic enforcement systems to use a standardized caution light time.

Proposed law requires local municipal authorities or local parish authorities which utilize automated traffic enforcement systems to issue traffic citations use the maximum caution or "yellow light" interval duration of six seconds as recommended by the National Motorist Association Foundation and the Institute of Transportation Engineers' technical committee for all intersections, as the absolute minimum caution interval duration for any intersection utilizing an automated enforcement system.

Proposed law defines "automated traffic enforcement system" as an unmanned or handheld camera or optical device installed to work in conjunction with a traffic control signal or radar speed detection equipment, or both, and designed to collect photographic evidence of alleged traffic violations for the issuance of traffic citations by recording images that depict the license plate or other identifying feature of a motor vehicle not in compliance with instruction of a traffic control signal or posted traffic sign.

(Adds R.S. 32:43)