

New law prohibits the use of automated speed enforcement devices by local municipal authorities or local parish authorities on interstate roadways within their corporate or territorial limits.

New law excludes highway construction zones where construction workers are present and work is being performed by DOTD or a private contractor with DOTD. However, prohibits the application of the exception to local municipal authorities and local parish authorities.

New law defines "automated speed enforcement device" 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.

New law prohibits any local municipal authority or local parish authority from imposing or collecting any civil or criminal fine, fee, or penalty as a result of an image produced in violation of new law on or after Jan. 1, 2015.

Requires any local municipal authority or local parish authority to discontinue use of automated speed enforcement devices in violation of this act by Jan. 1, 2015.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 16, 2014).

(Adds R.S. 32:43)