

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 652

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

TRAFFIC/SPEED LIMITS: Provides relative to automated speed enforcement devices

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:43(B) and (C) and 44(A) and to enact R.S. 32:43(D), relative
3 to automated speed enforcement devices; to require that certain automated speed
4 enforcement devices capture a picture of the driver to impose penalties; to provide
5 an effective date; to provide for visible signage; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:43(B) and (C) and 44(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and
8 R.S. 32:43(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §43. Automated speed enforcement devices; prohibition

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11 B.(1) Any automated speed enforcement device authorized by a local
12 municipal authority or local parish authority that is not in conflict with the provisions
13 of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section shall produce photographic evidence of the driver
14 of the vehicle.

15 (2) Effective January 1, 2025, local municipal authorities or local parish
16 authorities shall not impose or collect any civil or criminal fine, fee, or penalty as a
17 result of an image produced by an automated speed enforcement device in violation
18 of this Section.

19 C. For the purposes of this Section, the term "automated speed enforcement
20 device" means an unmanned or handheld camera or optical device installed to work

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.

Proposed law allows any automated speed enforcement device authorized by a local municipal authority or local parish authority that is not in conflict with the provisions of present law to produce photographic evidence of the driver of the vehicle.

Proposed law specifies that Jan. 1, 2025, local municipal authorities or local parish authorities cannot impose or collect any civil or criminal fine, fee, or penalty as a result of an image produced by an automated speed enforcement device in violation of proposed law.

Present law requires municipal authorities or local parish authorities to post signs, indicating that a red light camera is present, within 500 feet of each red light camera, in a manner as clearly visible to traffic approaching the red light camera.

Proposed law adds speed automated devices to present law and requires be large and visible signs in both directions to indicate that red light cameras or automatic speed devices are present.

(Amends R.S. 32:43(B) and (C) and 44(A); Adds R.S. 32:43(D))