

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(A)(1), (B), and (C) and 44(A) and to enact R.S. 32:43(D),
3 relative to automated speed enforcement devices; to require that certain automated
4 speed enforcement devices capture a picture of the driver to impose penalties; to
5 provide an effective date; to provide for visible signage; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

10 §43. Automated speed enforcement devices; prohibition

11 A.(1) Local municipal authorities or local parish authorities shall not install
12 or utilize automated speed enforcement devices to regulate traffic on interstate
13 roadways or state highways within their corporate or territorial limits.

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

19 (2) Effective January 1, 2025, local municipal authorities or local parish
20 authorities shall not impose or collect any civil or criminal fine, fee, or penalty as a

Proposed law adds state highways to prohibited areas on which local municipalities or local parish authorities cannot install or utilize automated speed enforcement devices.

Present law excludes highway construction zones, where work is being performed by the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) or a private contractor under contract with the DOTD, where construction workers are present. Exempts local municipal and parish authorities.

Present 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.

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.

(Amends R.S. 32:43(A)(1), (B), and (C) and 44(A); Adds R.S. 32:43(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Add state highways to prohibited areas on which local municipalities or local parish authorities cannot install or utilize automated speed enforcement devices.
2. Make technical changes.