

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 808 (HB 487)

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Bayham

Existing law provides penalties for violating rules regarding red traffic signal indications as follows:

- (1) When it results in an injury to another person, a \$200 to \$500 fine and potential suspension of the driver's license for 90 days, or both.
- (2) When it results in serious bodily injury to another person, a \$500 to \$1,000 fine, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both, and potential suspension of the driver's license for 180 days.
- (3) When it results in death of another person, a \$1,000 to \$5,000 fine, imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, and potential suspension of the driver's license for up to 365 days.

New law adds a penalty of \$250 when the offender uses the shoulder or a turning lane to overtake a vehicle at a red indication, but the violation does not result in an injury.

New law prohibits a person from immobilizing or booting a motor vehicle for failure to pay a citation issued through an automated traffic enforcement system for a red-light traffic violation unless the vehicle owner has first been afforded an administrative hearing relative to the traffic citation. New law provides that this prohibition does not apply to Orleans Parish.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 32:232(intro. para.) and 1741(K); Adds R.S. 32:232(3)(h))