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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 federal minimum, as prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices,
11 plus one second for a "yellow light" interval duration.

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

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 using the federal minimum standard, as prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), plus one second for a "yellow light" interval duration.

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)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Provided that local governing authorities that utilize automated traffic enforcement systems use an additional second more than the time prescribed by the MUTCD for the time during which a traffic light is yellow.