
DIGEST

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HB No. 859

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.