
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that automated speed enforcement devices authorized by a local municipal authority produce pictures of the driver to impose penalties.

Present law prohibits local municipal authorities from installing or utilizing automated speed enforcement devices to regulate traffic on interstate roads within their corporate or territorial limits.

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.

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))