

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 542

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:232(3)(e), (f), and (g), relative to penalties for certain traffic-control signal
3 violations; to provide for increased penalties for red light indication violations; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:232(3)(e), (f), and (g) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §232. Traffic-control signals

8 Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting different
9 colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in
10 combination, only the colors green, red, and yellow shall be used, except for special
11 pedestrian signals carrying a word legend, and said lights shall indicate and apply to
12 drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

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14 (3) Steady RED indication:

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16 (e) Notwithstanding any provision contained in this Section to the contrary,
17 for red indications or signal infractions, if the violation results in the injury of
18 another person, the offender shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor
19 more than five hundred dollars and may be subjected to a driver's license suspension
20 for a period of ninety days, or both.

21 (f) If the violation results in the serious bodily injury of another person, the
22 offender shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand

1 dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. The offender may also
2 subjected to a driver's license suspension for a period of one hundred eighty days.

3 (g) If the violation results in the death of another person, the offender shall
4 be fined not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars,
5 imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. The offender may also be subjected
6 to a driver's license suspension for a period up to three hundred and sixty-five days.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____