

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 99

BY SENATOR CATHEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TRAFFIC. Provides for malfeasance in office relative to traffic cameras for the issuance of citations. (8/1/25)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:134(A)(2) and the introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:47(A)  
3 and to enact R.S. 32:47(C), relative to malfeasance in office; to provide for the  
4 provisions for malfeasance in office regarding issuance of traffic camera citations;  
5 to provide relative to traffic camera recording devices; to provide for penalties for  
6 malfeasance in office; to provide for clarifying the penalties associated with the use  
7 of automated speed enforcement devices used in certain manners; and to provide for  
8 related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 14:134(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §134. Malfeasance in office

12 A. Malfeasance in office is committed when any public officer or public  
13 employee shall:

14 \* \* \*

15 (2) Intentionally perform any such duty in an unlawful manner, **including**  
16 **violating the prohibitions of R.S. 32:43 et seq.**; or

17 \* \* \*

1 Section 2. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:47(A) is hereby amended and  
2 reenacted and R.S. 32:47(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

3 §47. Use of ~~handheld~~ speed recording devices; restrictions

4 A. Automated speed enforcement devices or mobile speed cameras pursuant  
5 to R.S. 32:43 and 45 that are ~~handheld or manned~~, and **used to** issue a citation of an  
6 alleged violation by mail, shall only be used by local municipal authorities or local  
7 parish authorities in the following instances:

8 \* \* \*

9 **C. In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the use of handheld,**  
10 **manned, or unmanned automated speed enforcement devices or mobile speed**  
11 **cameras that can be mounted in a vehicle or deployed at various locations to**  
12 **monitor and record the speed of passing traffic for the purpose of issuing a**  
13 **citation of an alleged violation by mail intentionally inconsistent with R.S. 32:43**  
14 **et seq., shall be punishable as provided for in R.S. 14:134.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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#### DIGEST

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Present law provides malfeasance in office is committed when any public officer or public employee intentionally performs any duty in an unlawful manner.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies violating the prohibitions of handheld, manned and unmanned traffic cameras or speed limit enforcement devices used for the purpose of issuing citations by mail is malfeasance in office.

Proposed law removes automated speed enforcement devices that are handheld or manned from present law restrictions. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 14:134(A)(2) and R.S. 34:47(A)(intro para); adds R.S. 32:47(C))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Make technical changes

2. Remove provisions that apply present law to handheld or manned automated speed enforcement devices or mobile speed cameras.