

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 487**

**2026 Regular Session**

**Bayham**

MTR VEHICLE/VIOLATIONS: Provides relative to running red lights

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Prohibits any person from immobilizing or booting a motor vehicle for the failure to pay a red-light traffic violation citation issued through an automated traffic enforcement system without the vehicle owner having been afforded an administrative hearing, and exempts Orleans parish from the prohibition.
2. Makes technical changes.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides penalties for violating rules regarding red traffic signal indications as follows:

- (1) When it results in an injury to another person, a \$200 to \$500 fine and potential suspension of the driver's license for 90 days, or both.
- (2) When it results in serious bodily injury to another person, a \$500 to \$1,000 fine, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both, and potential suspension of the driver's license for 180 days.
- (3) When it results in death of another person, a \$1,000 to \$5,000 fine, imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, and potential suspension of the driver's license for up to 365 days.

Proposed law adds a penalty of \$250 when the offender uses the shoulder or a turning lane to overtake a vehicle at a red indication, but the violation does not result in an injury.

Proposed law prohibits any person from immobilizing or booting a motor vehicle for failure to pay a red-light traffic violation citation issued through an automated traffic enforcement system without the vehicle owner having first been afforded an administrative hearing relative to the citation. Exempts Orleans parish from proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 32:232(intro. para.) and 1741(K); Adds R.S. 32:232(3)(h))