
DIGEST

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HB No. 47

Abstract: Restricts the imposition of civil penalties based upon information or images from automated traffic enforcement systems under certain circumstances.

Proposed law defines "automated traffic enforcement system" as any camera or optical device erected alongside a public road, street, or highway, or at a traffic light intersection and installed to work in conjunction with a traffic control signal, or radar speed detection equipment, or both, and designed to photographically record images of a license plate or other identifying feature of a motor vehicle that is not operated in compliance with instruction of a traffic control signal or posted traffic sign. This term includes camera or optical devices attached to the outside of a parked vehicle along public roads working in conjunction with a traffic control signal or radar speed detection equipment, commonly referred to as a "speed van".

Proposed law defines "traffic enforcement agency" as a parish or municipality or company licensed, contracted, or authorized by a parish or municipality to photographically record images of the license plate or other identifying feature of a motor vehicle that is not operated in compliance with the instruction of a traffic control signal or posted traffic sign.

Proposed law provides that a traffic enforcement agency can send a violation notice only to a person whose vehicle is registered at an address located within a parish or municipality that also uses an automated traffic enforcement system.

Proposed law prohibits the imposition of civil penalties for an alleged automatic traffic enforcement system violation if the parish or municipality in which the motor vehicle is registered does not also utilize an automated traffic enforcement system.

(Adds R.S. 32:241 and 242)