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HOUSE BILL NO. 859

BY REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD AND GISCLAIR

TRAFFIC/VIOLATIONS: Prohibits certain traffic cameras on highways that receive public funding

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:239, relative to traffic violations; to prohibit installing or using automated  
3 recording equipment or system to enforce compliance with any traffic law on state  
4 highways or local roads that receive federal or state funding; defines the term  
5 "automated recording equipment system"; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:239 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §239. Automated traffic photo enforcement system; prohibition

9 A. Local municipal authorities or local parish authorities shall not install or  
10 use automated traffic enforcement systems to enforce compliance with traffic laws,  
11 ordinances, rules, or regulations on any local street, road, or state highway within its  
12 jurisdiction, when the local municipality or parish receives federal or state funding  
13 for said local street, road, or state highway.

14 B. For the purposes of this Section, the term "automated traffic enforcement  
15 system" means a camera or optical device installed to work in conjunction with a  
16 traffic control signal or radar speed detection equipment, or both, and designed to  
17 record images that depict the license plate or other identifying feature of a motor  
18 vehicle that is not operated in compliance with instruction of a traffic control signal  
19 or a posted traffic sign.

1           Section 2. Any local municipal authority or local parish authority using an  
2 automated traffic enforcement system in violation of this Act shall discontinue such use by  
3 January 1, 2011.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the installation and use of automated traffic enforcement systems on any local street, road, or state highway within its jurisdiction which is being funded with federal or state dollars.

Proposed law prohibits the installation and use of automated traffic enforcement systems on any public street, road, or state highway within its jurisdiction, which is being funded with federal or state dollars.

Proposed law defines the term "automated traffic enforcement system" as a camera or optical device installed to work in conjunction with a traffic control signal or radar speed detection equipment or both and designed to record images that depict the license plate or other identifying feature of a motor vehicle that is not operated in compliance with instruction of a traffic control signal or a posted traffic sign.

Proposed law requires local municipal authorities or local parish authorities currently using automated traffic enforcement systems in violation of proposed law to discontinue such use by Jan. 1, 2011.

(Adds R.S. 32:239)