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HOUSE BILL NO. 880

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

TRAFFIC/VIOLATIONS: Requires traffic camera systems to use a standardized caution light time

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:43, relative to automated traffic enforcement systems, to require traffic
3 camera systems to use a standardized caution light time as recommended by the
4 National Motorist Foundation; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:43 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §43. Caution light standards; automated traffic enforcement systems

8 A. Any municipality or local governing authority in this state which utilizes
9 automated enforcement systems to issue traffic citations shall use the maximum
10 caution or "yellow light" interval duration of six seconds as recommended by the
11 National Motorist Association Foundation and the Institute of Transportation
12 Engineers' Technical Committee for all intersections, as the absolute minimum
13 caution interval duration for any intersection utilizing an automated enforcement
14 system.

15 B. For the purposes of this Section, the term "automated traffic enforcement
16 system", means a camera or an optical device erected alongside a public road, street,
17 or highway, or at a traffic light intersection and installed to work in conjunction with
18 a traffic control signal or radar speed detection equipment, or both, and designed to
19 photographically record images of the license plate or other identifying feature of a
20 motor vehicle that is not operated in compliance with instruction of a traffic control

1 signal or a posted traffic sign. The term shall also mean a camera or optical device
2 which is attached to a vehicle parked along a public road, street, or highway, and
3 installed to work in conjunction with a traffic control signal or radar speed detection
4 equipment, or both.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires traffic camera systems to use a standardized caution light time.

Proposed law requires municipalities to use a six second caution light duration as the absolute minimum for intersections using traffic cameras.

(Adds R.S. 32:43)