

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 968

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

TRAFFIC: Prohibits an unpaid traffic citation that was issued by an automated traffic enforcement system from being sent to a collection agency

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart I-1 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes  
3 of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 32:241, relative to traffic violations; to provide for  
4 procedures, terms, and conditions; to prohibit a traffic citation issued by an  
5 automated traffic enforcement system from being submitted to a collection agency;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Subpart I-1 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised  
9 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 32:241, is hereby enacted to read as follows: is hereby  
10 enacted to read as follows:

11 SUBPART I-1. AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS

12 §241. Unpaid traffic violations; automated traffic enforcement systems

13 A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any traffic citation  
14 issued by an automated traffic enforcement system shall not be forwarded to a  
15 collection agency for the purpose of assisting in the collection of the amount owed  
16 by the violator.

17 B. For the purposes of this Section, the term "automated traffic enforcement  
18 system" means a camera or optical device erected alongside a public road, street, or  
19 highway, or at a traffic light intersection and installed to work in conjunction with  
20 a traffic control signal or radar speed detection equipment, or both, and designed to

1        photographically record images of the license plate or other identifying feature of a  
2        motor vehicle that is not operated in compliance with instruction of a traffic control  
3        signal or a posted traffic sign. The term shall also mean a camera or optical device  
4        that is attached to the outside of a vehicle parked along a public road, street, or  
5        highway and installed to work in conjunction with a traffic control signal or radar  
6        speed detection equipment, or both.

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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits an unpaid traffic citation issued from a traffic camera system from being sent to collections.

Proposed law prohibits any traffic citation that is issued by an automated traffic enforcement system from being submitted to a collection agency for the purpose of assisting in the collection of the amount owed by the violator.

Proposed law defines the term "automated traffic enforcement system" to mean a 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 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. The term shall also mean a camera or optical device that is attached to the outside of a vehicle parked along a public road, street, or highway and installed to work in conjunction with a traffic control signal or radar speed detection equipment, or both.

(Adds R.S. 32:241)