

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 102

BY SENATOR MORRELL

CONSUMERS/PROTECTION. Prohibits an unpaid traffic citation that was issued by an automated traffic enforcement system from being sent to a collection agency. (8/1/12)

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:

10 **SUBPART I-1. AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS**

11 **§241. Unpaid traffic violations; automated traffic enforcement systems**

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

16 **B. For the purposes of this Section, the term "automated traffic**  
17 **enforcement system" means a camera or optical device erected alongside a**

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

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Ducharme.

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#### DIGEST

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.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 32:241)