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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR WARNING SIGNS AND  
BEACONS OR RUMBLE STRIPS IN ADVANCE OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS USED  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH CAMERAS THAT DETECT VIOLATIONS OF THE  
TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is  
enacted to read:

"ADVANCE SIGNAL WARNING REQUIRED.--

A. As used in this section:

(1) "camera monitor" means a device or  
instrument that records a visual image of a motor vehicle  
being operated in violation of a traffic signal's red light  
directive to stop;

(2) "controller assembly" means a complete  
electrical device mounted in a cabinet for controlling the  
operation of a traffic signal;

(3) "rumble strips" means grooves in  
pavement or rows of raised pavement markers placed  
perpendicular to the direction of travel in a street or  
highway lane to alert inattentive drivers to a lane or  
traffic condition;

(4) "traffic signal" means a power-operated  
traffic control device by which traffic is alternately

1 directed to stop and permitted to proceed; and

2 (5) "warning beacon" means a power-operated  
3 traffic control device with one or more signal sections that  
4 operates in a flashing mode.

5 B. When a county or municipality, including a  
6 home-rule municipality that has adopted a charter pursuant to  
7 Article 10, Section 6 of the constitution of New Mexico, uses  
8 a camera monitor in conjunction with a traffic signal at an  
9 intersection or other location to detect violation of the  
10 traffic signal's red light directive to stop, the county or  
11 municipality shall install, on streets or highways  
12 approaching the traffic signal from directions covered by the  
13 camera monitor, a warning sign or signs supplemented by a  
14 warning beacon or rumble strips.

15 C. The warning beacon described in Subsection B of  
16 this section shall be installed, together with the warning  
17 sign or signs, at a location and interconnected with the  
18 traffic signal controller assembly in a manner that will  
19 cause the beacon to flash yellow during the period when a  
20 person driving a motor vehicle passing the beacon at the  
21 legal speed for the street or highway will encounter a  
22 traffic signal red light, or a queue of motor vehicles  
23 resulting from the display of the red light, upon arrival at  
24 the signalized location.

25 D. If rumble strips described in Subsection B of

1 this section are used, they shall be installed, together with  
2 warning signs, at a location in advance of a traffic signal  
3 so as to provide a driver, moving over the rumble strips at  
4 the legal speed for the street or highway, with warning that  
5 if the traffic signal is displaying a yellow signal, the  
6 driver will encounter a traffic signal red light, or a queue  
7 of motor vehicles resulting from the display of the red  
8 light, upon arrival at the signalized location.

9 E. Warning signs used with beacons or rumble  
10 strips shall warn a driver that the driver may encounter a  
11 traffic signal displaying a red light at an upcoming  
12 intersection and that the traffic signal is photo-enforced.  
13 When used with rumble strips, a warning sign shall be  
14 installed facing traffic approaching a signalized location on  
15 the near side of the street or highway and, if appropriate, a  
16 warning sign shall also be installed facing traffic  
17 approaching a signalized location on a median dividing  
18 opposite directions of traffic.

19 F. The warning sign and warning beacon described  
20 in Subsection B of this section shall comply with signs and  
21 beacons appropriate for the purposes of this section provided  
22 in the manual of uniform traffic control devices adopted by  
23 the state transportation commission pursuant to Section  
24 66-7-101 NMSA 1978."

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