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SENATE BILL 861

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR WARNING SIGNS AND
BEACONS 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:

"[NEW MATERIAL] 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

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1 operation of a traffic signal;

2 (3) "traffic signal" means a power-operated
3 traffic control device by which traffic is alternately
4 directed to stop and permitted to proceed; and

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

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

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

