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SENATE BILL

No. 667

Introduced by Senator Peace

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Section 21455.5 of, and to add Section 21455.7 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to traffic devices.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 667, as amended, Peace. Automated enforcement system.

(1) Existing law authorizes governmental agencies, in cooperation with law enforcement agencies, to operate an automated enforcement system. Under existing law, an automated enforcement system is a system that photographically records a driver's response to a rail or rail transit signal or crossing gate, or both, or to an official traffic control signal (stoplight) and is designed to obtain a clear photograph of the vehicle's license plate and the driver of the vehicle.

This bill would require, at each intersection at which there is an automated enforcement system in operation, the minimum yellow light change intervals to be established in accordance with the Traffic Manual of the Department of Transportation. The establishment of this

requirement on agencies of local government would impose a state-mandated local program.

~~(2) Existing law requires photographic records made by an enforcement system to be confidential and made available only to governmental agencies and law enforcement agencies for enforcement purposes related to an automated enforcement system.~~

~~This bill would also require any other public records necessary for enforcement of an automated enforcement system to be confidential.~~

~~(3)~~

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 21455.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended
2 to read:

3 21455.5. (a) The limit line, the intersection, or other places
4 designated in Section 21455 where a driver is required to stop may
5 be equipped with an automated enforcement system if the system
6 meets both of the following requirements: (1) the system is
7 identified by signs, clearly indicating the system’s presence,
8 visible to traffic approaching from all directions, or if signs are
9 posted at all major entrances to the city, including, at a minimum,
10 freeways, bridges, and state highway routes, and (2) the system is
11 located at an intersection that meets the criteria specified in
12 Section 21455.7.

13 Any city utilizing an automated traffic enforcement system at
14 intersections shall, prior to issuing citations, commence a program
15 to issue only warning notices for 30 days. The local jurisdiction



1 shall also make a public announcement of the automated traffic
2 enforcement system at least 30 days prior to the commencement
3 of the enforcement program.

4 Only a governmental agency, in cooperation with a law
5 enforcement agency, may operate an automated enforcement
6 system.

7 (b) (1) Notwithstanding Section 6253 of the Government
8 Code, or any other provision of law, photographic records made
9 by an automated enforcement system ~~and any other public records~~
10 ~~necessary for enforcement of this section~~ shall be confidential, and
11 shall be made available only to governmental agencies and law
12 enforcement agencies for the purposes of this article.

13 (2) *For purposes of this article only, any confidential*
14 *information obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles for*
15 *the administration or enforcement of this article must be held*
16 *confidential, and may not be used for any other purpose.*

17 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the registered owner or
18 any individual identified by the registered owner as the driver of
19 the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation shall be permitted
20 to review the photographic evidence of the alleged violation.

21 SEC. 2. Section 21455.7 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

22 21455.7. At each intersection at which there is an automated
23 enforcement system in operation, the minimum yellow light
24 change interval shall be established in accordance with the Traffic
25 Manual of the Department of Transportation.

26 SEC. 3. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government
27 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this
28 act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local
29 agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant
30 to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
31 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for
32 reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),
33 reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims
34 Fund.

