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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of automated traffic control systems.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Section 542.2035, Transportation Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 542.2035. LIMITATION ON MUNICIPALITIES. (a) Except
7 as provided by Subsection (a-1), a [A] municipality may not
8 implement or operate an automated traffic control system with
9 respect to a highway or street under its jurisdiction for the
10 purpose of enforcing compliance with posted speed limits. The
11 attorney general shall enforce this subsection.

12 (a-1) A municipality may implement or operate an automated
13 traffic control system with respect to a highway or street under its
14 jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing compliance with posted
15 speed limits in a school crossing zone.

16 (b) In this section:

17 (1) [~~7~~] "Automated [~~automated~~] traffic control
18 system" means a photographic device, radar device, laser device, or
19 other electrical or mechanical device designed to:

20 (A) [~~(1)~~] record the speed of a motor vehicle;

21 and

22 (B) [~~(2)~~] obtain one or more photographs or other
23 recorded images of:

24 (i) [~~(A)~~] the vehicle;

1 (ii) [~~(B)~~] the license plate attached to
2 the vehicle; or

3 (iii) [~~(C)~~] the operator of the vehicle.

4 (2) "School crossing zone" has the meaning assigned by
5 Section 541.302.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 707, Transportation Code, is amended by
7 adding Section 707.022 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 707.022. MUNICIPAL SCHOOL CROSSING ZONE EXCEPTION.

9 This chapter does not apply to an automated traffic control system,
10 as defined by Section 542.2035, that is authorized by Section
11 542.2035(a-1).

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.