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An act to make the roadways of Kentucky safer with the use of red light cameras.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A red light camera is a traffic enforcement camera that captures an image or video of a vehicle that has entered an intersection at a red light. The cameras produce virtually indisputable evidence of traffic violations for law enforcement officers. These images or videos are automatically sent to the officers, who review the documents and determine if a fine or other penalty is necessary. Since the license plates are visible in the recordings, a ticket is quickly and easily sent to the registered owner of the vehicle recorded. Cameras can be set up within a day and can be moved as often as necessary.

Section 2: This bill will encourage cities and municipal districts to install these cameras in problem intersections. Red light cameras are proven to decrease serious accidents in intersections by up to 50%, and create revenue for the districts themselves through ticket fines.

Section 3: Most states with red light cameras installed currently rent them from companies (American Traffic Solutions, Redflex Traffic Systems) and pay a flat fee for camera rental each month. This year, Florida made gross \$52 million through the systems. However, we feel the main objective of these systems should be to make roadways safer, with revenue as a bonus and incentive, so we require that excess funds from tickets be donated to the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). The chart below details amounts and encourages counties to put red light cameras in place by giving incentives for early action.

Section 4: Counties and/or metropolitan areas will be responsible for the upkeep, rental, expenses, and placement of the cameras.

•	Percent of Funds Kept	Percent of Funds Donated
< 6 months	75%	25%
Time of camera installation since enacted	60%	40%
> 18 months	50%	50%

Section 5: Yellow light times at intersections with cameras may be increased by 20% to allow longer stopping time for drivers in order to coincide with the law and avoid a ticket. An all-red clearance interval (when you leave both sides red for a period while the signals are changing) of 2.5 seconds will also be required.

Section 6: This act will go into effect January 1, 2015.