



Did You Know?

According to the [Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles](#):

- Incapacitating injury crashes **increased 26%** after red light cameras were installed.
- Rear-end crashes **increased 11%** after red light cameras were installed.
- Total crashes **increased 10%** after red light cameras were installed.

Increases in the number of repeat offenders indicate that red light cameras do not have the deterrent effect that proponents cite as support for keeping red light camera programs.

[Miami](#) and [Jacksonville](#) are terminating their red light camera programs:

- In Miami, the public began to question whether cash-poor cities used the cameras to pad their budgets during the recession.
- The sheriff in Jacksonville said the red light camera technology is riddled with problems that limit its effectiveness.

REFRESHER: HB 6001 TRAFFIC INFRACTION DETECTORS

BACKGROUND

HB 6001 repeals the authorization for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and local governments to install and maintain red light cameras.

Last session's traffic infraction detectors bill, HB 6007, was heard in three committees and passed the House, but died in the Senate. It was reintroduced by Rep. Avila and was reported favorably by the Appropriations Committee on October 10, 2017.

Approximately half of the total money collected from fines associated with red light camera violations is used to pay red light camera vendors.

Proponents of red light cameras maintain that red light camera programs generate revenue for safety and road maintenance. However, the Office of Program Policy Analysis & Government Accountability surveyed local governments that operate a red light camera program and found that of those respondents reporting excess revenue from red light cameras:

- 76% was allocated to general funds
- 14% was allocated to police and public safety
- 5% was allocated to road repair and maintenance

The bottom line: Although the intent behind red light cameras may be positive, data shows an *increase* in total crashes and injuries at intersections equipped with them – they do not work and should be repealed.

BILL HIGHLIGHTS

- The bill removes the authorization for the Department of Highway and Motor Vehicles, counties, and municipalities to install and maintain red light cameras.
- The bill maintains current law, which preempts to the state regulation of these cameras for enforcing the Florida Uniform Traffic Control law.
 - This means counties and municipalities will no longer have the authority to implement red light camera programs by local ordinance.