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Senator Jim Lembke Remains Committed to Regulating Red Light Cameras

St. Louis Police Officers' Association Approves of Efforts to Remove the Cameras

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Jim Lembke, R-St. Louis, successfully amended a general transportation bill with a provision that would toughen requirements for the usage of red light cameras in a city or other municipality.

“We received a letter from the St. Louis Police Officers’ Association,” Sen. Lembke said. “Members there voted 10-three in opposition to red light cameras because they limit interactions of police officers with the public. Additionally, revenue collected from this technology is not earmarked for law enforcement or any other public safety project.”

Senator Lembke’s amendment would require a law enforcement officer to verify the identification of the driver of a vehicle found to be running a red light by a red light camera before a ticket would be issued. The amendment was overwhelmingly approved by a voice vote this week (3/10) to [Senate Bill 58](#), which seeks to make changes to several portions of existing laws related to motor vehicles. The bill is currently before the full Senate.

“‘Big Brother’ can’t hide anymore,” Sen. Lembke said. “Now, a human element can be added to automated red light cameras to make sure people are being held to the letter of the law and not be illegally targeted.”

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