



# California's Red-Light Camera Law

## Deciding What's Right for Your Community

Red-light running can have serious and fatal consequences in California.



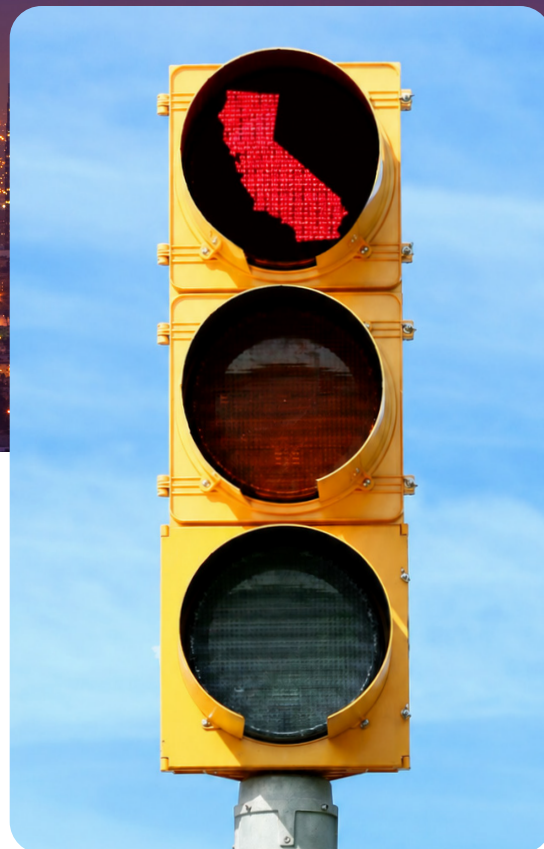
### 96% INCREASE

in serious injuries and fatalities since 2013 due to intersection violations.<sup>1</sup>



### 167 FATALITIES

from red-light running in one year<sup>2</sup>



|                       | Legacy Law<br>(PRE-SB720)                                        | Safer Streets ACT<br>(SB 720)                                                                                       |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>VIOLATION TYPE</b> | Criminal violation, points added to license, impact to insurance | Civil penalty only, no DMV points, similar to a parking ticket                                                      |
| <b>FINE</b>           | Nearly \$500                                                     | Flat rate: \$100 – first offense<br>\$200 – second offense<br>\$350 – third offense<br>\$500 – more than 4 offenses |
| <b>LIABLE PERSON</b>  | Driver – facial imagery is required                              | Registered vehicle owner – no facial recognition, more privacy                                                      |
| <b>EQUITABILITY</b>   | All drivers treated equal                                        | Reduced fees and alternatives for federal poverty level                                                             |
| <b>REVENUE</b>        | Goes to the general fund                                         | Must be used for traffic calming or street infrastructure safety improvements                                       |
| <b>REPORTING</b>      | Not required                                                     | Public reports mandated                                                                                             |

## RED-LIGHT CAMERAS IMPROVE SAFETY



### 21% REDUCTION

in fatal red-light running crashes where automated enforcement occurs.<sup>3</sup>



### 40% REDUCTIONS

in red light violations rates have occurred after the introduction of red-light safety cameras.<sup>3</sup>

#### SOURCES

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