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**Traffic Safety Amendments**  
**2026 GENERAL SESSION**  
**STATE OF UTAH**  
**Chief Sponsor: Jake Fitisemanu**  
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**LONG TITLE**

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**General Description:**

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This bill establishes a red light camera pilot program.

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**Highlighted Provisions:**

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This bill:

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▸ defines terms;

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▸ creates a red light camera pilot program;

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▸ establishes rules, restrictions, and guidelines for the pilot program;

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▸ sets a repeal date for the pilot program; and

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▸ requires the Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety to report

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regarding the pilot program.

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**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

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None

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**Other Special Clauses:**

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None

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**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

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AMENDS:

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**63I-1-241**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 277

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ENACTS:

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**41-6a-312**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

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Section 1. Section **41-6a-312** is enacted to read:

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**41-6a-312 . Red light camera pilot program.**

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(1) As used in this section:

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(a) "Applicable law enforcement agency" means the law enforcement agency with

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jurisdiction over a high-risk intersection.

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(b) "Department of Transportation" means the Department of Transportation created in

31           Section 72-1-201.

32           (c) "High-risk intersection" means an intersection designated as a high-risk intersection  
33           by the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the applicable law  
34           enforcement agency, based on:

35           (i) crash data;

36           (ii) traffic data; and

37           (iii) injury and fatality data.

38           (d) "Red light camera" means a camera that is programmed to detect and photograph a  
39           vehicle that crosses an intersection when prohibited by a steady circular red light or a  
40           red arrow light on a traffic-control signal.

41           (e) "Red light camera pilot program" means the pilot program established in Subsection  
42           (2)(a).

43           (2)(a) The Department of Transportation shall establish a red light camera pilot program  
44           to begin no later than January 1, 2027, and end no later than April 30, 2028.

45           (b) The pilot program shall include up to 10 high-risk intersections selected under  
46           Subsection (3).

47           (c) For each high-risk intersection the program shall include:

48           (i) an initial data collection phase of at least 60 days at each high-risk intersection to  
49           establish a baseline of data; and

50           (ii) a public education phase of at least 120 days including:

51           (A) notifying the public of the installation of a red light camera; and

52           (B) issuing a warning to the registered owner of a vehicle identified by a red light  
53           camera as violating Subsection 41-6a-305(4).

54           (3) The Department of Transportation shall:

55           (a) identify up to 10 high-risk intersections for inclusion in the pilot program;

56           (b) post a sign described in Subsection (7);

57           (c) in accordance with Subsection (4), contract with a vendor to obtain red light cameras  
58           sufficient to implement the red light pilot program;

59           (d) manage the use and maintenance of a red light camera and red light camera notice  
60           sign;

61           (e) collect and send, or ensure the red light camera vendor collects and sends, necessary  
62           data captured by a red light camera to the applicable law enforcement agency for the  
63           applicable law enforcement agency to send the warning described in Subsection (8);  
64           and

- 65           (f) coordinate with an applicable law enforcement agency for implementation of the  
66           pilot program, including the placement location of a red light camera.
- 67 (4)(a) The Department of Transportation shall contract to purchase or lease a red light  
68           camera for use by the department or a local highway authority.
- 69           (b) The Department of Transportation shall use existing Department of Transportation  
70           funds to purchase, lease, or rent a red light camera for the pilot program.
- 71           (c) The Department of Transportation may not enter into a contract with a vendor if the  
72           contract requires issuance of a citation by an applicable law enforcement agency for  
73           an alleged violation.
- 74 (5)(a) The Department of Transportation may not collect evidence of, or issue a warning  
75           for, an alleged red light camera violation.
- 76           (b) Only an applicable law enforcement agency may collect evidence of, or issue a  
77           warning for, an alleged red light camera violation.
- 78 (6) An applicable law enforcement agency shall:
- 79           (a) consult with the Department of Transportation for the Department of Transportation  
80           to contract to purchase or lease a red light camera from a vendor;
- 81           (b) enter into an interlocal agreement with the Department of Transportation or vendor  
82           to receive the captured data described in Subsection (8)(a);
- 83           (c) identify the owner of a vehicle based on the photograph of the vehicle's license plate;  
84           and
- 85           (d) send the owner of the vehicle described in Subsection (8)(a) the warning described in  
86           Subsection (8).
- 87 (7) An applicable law enforcement agency may not use a red light camera in a high-risk  
88           intersection unless:
- 89           (a) a prominent sign is posted on the highway providing notice to a motorist, as the  
90           motorist approaches the high-risk intersection, that a red light camera is in use at the  
91           intersection; and
- 92           (b) a warning issued under Subsection (8)(b) is accompanied by the photograph  
93           produced by the red light camera.
- 94 (8)(a) When an applicable law enforcement agency is notified that a red light camera has  
95           captured evidence of an individual violating Subsection 41-6a-305(4) during the  
96           public education phase described in Subsection (2)(c), the applicable law  
97           enforcement agency shall:
- 98           (i) for a vehicle registered in this state, issue notice to the registered owner by mail or

- 99 by personal service within 30 days after the day of the alleged violation; or  
100 (ii) for a vehicle registered in another state, issue notice to the registered owner by  
101 mail or personal service within 60 days after the date of the alleged violation.
- 102 (b) A notice issued by an applicable law enforcement agency as described in Subsection  
103 (8)(a) shall:
- 104 (i) provide information and evidence of the alleged violation, including the  
105 photograph of the vehicle's license plate; and  
106 (ii) provide a warning to the owner of the vehicle involved in the alleged violation.
- 107 (c) A warning issued under Subsection (8)(b) may not impose a civil or criminal penalty.
- 108 (9)(a) An applicable law enforcement agency may not purchase, lease, install, or  
109 maintain a red light camera.
- 110 (b) Only the Department of Transportation may:
- 111 (i) purchase, lease, install, or maintain a red light camera; or  
112 (ii) contract with a vendor to install or maintain a red light camera.
- 113 (10)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), data or evidence captured by a red light  
114 camera may not be used as evidence in a criminal or civil proceeding or investigation.
- 115 (b) A law enforcement agency may access and use data or evidence captured by a red  
116 light camera used as part of the red light camera pilot program pursuant to a warrant  
117 issued under the Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure or an equivalent federal warrant  
118 for a purpose other than warning a vehicle owner of a violation of Subsection  
119 41-6a-305(4).
- 120 (c) A law enforcement agency may only use a red light camera:
- 121 (i) in accordance with an interlocal agreement with the Department of Transportation  
122 as described in this section; and  
123 (ii) for a purpose described in this section.
- 124 (11) A moving traffic violation warning described in Subsection (8)(b) issued using  
125 information gathered by a red light camera is not a reportable violation as defined under  
126 Section 53-3-102, and the Driver License Division may not assess points under Section  
127 53-3-221 against the driving record of an individual for the violation.
- 128 (12) The Department of Transportation and the department shall make the following  
129 information available for public inspection on the websites of the Department of  
130 Transportation or the department:
- 131 (a) the terms of any vendor contract regarding the purchase, lease, rental, or use of a red  
132 light camera;

- 133           (b) the amount paid to the vendor providing a red light camera unit; and  
 134           (c) the number of violation warnings issued by the use of a red light camera.  
 135   (13) On or before October 1, 2028, the Department of Transportation and the department  
 136           shall provide a report to the Transportation Interim Committee that summarizes:  
 137           (a) the effectiveness of red light camera enforcement at each high-risk intersection  
 138                 described in Subsection (2);  
 139           (b) if available, the crash rates before and after implementation; and  
 140           (c) other relevant data.  
 141   (14) Nothing in this section prohibits the Department of Transportation or the department  
 142           from using information for highway safety research that is gathered by a red light  
 143           camera during the red light camera pilot program.

144           Section 2. Section **63I-1-241** is amended to read:

145           **63I-1-241 . Repeal dates: Title 41.**

- 146   (1) Subsection 41-1a-1201(8), regarding the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Fund, is repealed  
 147           July 1, 2029.  
 148   (2) Subsection 41-6a-102(34), regarding lane filtering, is repealed July 1, 2027.  
 149   (3) Section 41-6a-312, Red light camera pilot program, is repealed July 1, 2029.  
 150   ~~(3)~~ (4) Subsection 41-6a-704(6), regarding lane filtering, is repealed July 1, 2027.  
 151   ~~(4)~~ (5) Subsection 41-6a-710(1)(c), regarding lane filtering, is repealed July 1, 2027.  
 152   ~~(5)~~ (6) Subsection 41-6a-1406(7)(b)(iii), regarding the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Fund,  
 153           is repealed July 1, 2029.  
 154   ~~(6)~~ (7) Subsection 41-22-2(1), regarding an advisory council addressing off-highway  
 155           vehicle issues, is repealed July 1, 2027.  
 156   ~~(7)~~ (8) Subsection 41-22-10(1), regarding an advisory council addressing off-highway  
 157           vehicle issues, is repealed July 1, 2027.  
 158   ~~(8)~~ (9) Subsection 41-22-8(3)(b), regarding the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Fund, is  
 159           repealed July 1, 2029.

160           Section 3. **Effective Date.**

161           This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.