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## Ford Files Legislation for Moratorium on Red Light Cameras in Chicago

**CHICAGO-** State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, has introduced legislation which would place a moratorium on the use of red light cameras in Chicago until safeguards are in place to make their use fairer. An on-line petition started by Ford has 1,203 signatures of people calling for an end to the use of red light cameras in Chicago.

Ford's House Bill 487

(<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=487&GAID=13&SessionID=88&LegID=84907>) provides Chicago may not operate an automated traffic law enforcement system, but provides that the prohibition may be reconsidered through the introduction of appropriate legislation upon the submission of a report to the General Assembly detailing procedures that the municipality will implement to address specified issues in a satisfactory manner.

“It is only fair to people who drive the streets of Chicago that a moratorium be placed on the automated traffic violation system, or red light camera system, until it has been determined that the process is fair and just,” said Ford. “Red light cameras are used all around the world, and I am not against red light cameras in general, because they may make some streets safer for drivers and pedestrians. However, with the recent investigations by the Chicago Tribune raising questions whether the red light cameras may actually increase dangers in our streets, we need to make the system fairer and safer for all. Though the legislation does not call for a specific process to generate the report to be made to the General Assembly, I might suggest the creation of a task force to study best practices throughout the world and produce the best safeguards needed in Chicago. Even though Mayor Emanuel inherited this problem, this is a chance to reset the procedures for this system.”

The End Red Light Camera Petition can be found at: [http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/moratorium-on-red-light?source=c.em&r\\_by=9616806](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/moratorium-on-red-light?source=c.em&r_by=9616806). The study in the Chicago Tribune can be found at: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/watchdog/redlight/ct-red-light-camera-safety-met-20141219-story.html#page=1>.

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