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ATS APPLAUDS PASSAGE OF FLORIDA DHSMV LEGISLATION

Tempe, AZ – American Traffic Solutions (ATS) today applauded passage of the omnibus Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle legislation and specifically the Brandes Amendment enhancing the state's red-light safety camera program.

The legislation, approved 38-0 by the Florida Senate and 114-1 House of Representatives, will further clarify Right on Red, Notice of Violations and Uniformed Traffic Citation provisions of the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act.

“ATS is pleased that a nearly unanimous bi-partisan, bi-cameral majority of legislature joined to support much needed common sense reforms of the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act.” said George Hittner, ATS Vice President of Government Affairs. “These were issues of fundamental fairness that needed to be addressed. We now look forward to working with our customers to implement these changes.”

Among the provisions of the legislation, the Brandes Amendment:

Right on Red Violation

- Prohibits issuance of a violation from being issued if the driver of the vehicle came to a complete stop before turning right if permissible at a red light, but failed to stop before crossing over the stop bar or other point at which stopping is required.

Notice of Violation

- A person who receives a notice of violation may request a hearing within 60 days (previously 30 days, and no hearing on the NOV was permitted) of mailing the notification or pay a \$158 fine. A payment or fee may not be required before the hearing. The notice of violation must be accompanied by, or direct the person to a website that provides information on the person's right to request a hearing and on all court costs that may be associated with the local hearing request.
- If an affidavit is submitted by the owner of the motor vehicle identifying another as the driver of the vehicle at the time of the violation, a notice of violation may be reissued to the driver within 30 days after receipt of the affidavit. Previously, the law allowed for transfer of the violation, but only at the higher UTC fine amount.

Uniform Traffic Citation

- A person shall be issued a UTC if they have not made payment or requested a hearing to challenge a notice of violation within 60 days of the date of mailing of the notice of violation.

About American Traffic Solutions:

ATS is proud to be the market leader in road safety camera installations in North America. ATS has nearly 3,500 installed red-light and speed safety cameras serving more than 30 million people. ATS has contracts in nearly 300 communities in 21 states and Washington, D.C., including more than 70 Florida communities. For more information, please visit: www.atsol.com. To view video that serves as a chilling reminder of the dangers that red-light runners present to our family and children; visit ATS on YouTube here: <http://www.youtube.com/user/ATSRoadSafety>.