

Support New York City's Red Light Camera Legislative Proposals



1. Renew and expand the City's Red Light Camera Program - S2812/A5259 (Gounardes/Dinowitz)

Reauthorize the program to 12/1/30 and expand the number of locations to 1,325, or ~10% of signalized intersections.

2. Authorize vehicle registration suspensions for repeat offenders - S451/A7621 (Gianaris/Magnarelli)

Require the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend the registrations for vehicles that get 5+ red light camera violations in 12-months.

New York City Red Light Camera Program

30-year-old program set to expire 12/1/24 is restricted to 150 active intersections, or about 1% of signalized intersections.

- **Benefits of the program:**

- **Helps prevent crashes:** On average, intersections with red light cameras (RLC) experienced a nearly 13% decline in right angle injury crashes (comparison of the three years before and after camera installation).
- **Deters drivers from repeatedly running red lights.** In 2023:
 - 94% of vehicles caught running a red light received no more than 1 or 2 violations.
 - Less than 0.5% of vehicles received 5 or more violations.

- **Red light running has gotten worse since the start of the pandemic:**

- In 2023, 29 people were killed in red-light running crashes—the worst annual total ever recorded—all at intersections without RLC.
- Since 2020, NYC has seen a 54% increase in daily RLC violations, even at locations that had previously seen a reduction.
- With RLC allowed at only 1% of signalized intersections, the program is too small to have a wider deterrent effect.

- **A small group of repeat offenders poses a serious risk to fellow New Yorkers:**

- In 2023, about 2,400 vehicles received 5+ RLC violations in 12-months.
- Receiving 5 RLC violations triples a driver's risk of being involved in a crash that causes injury.