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Proposed Measures to enhance road safety - Disobeying Traffic Lights

With reference to the proposed legislative changes to increase penalty for disobeying traffic lights, the Institute of Advanced Motorists HK Ltd has the following views:

1. IAMHK is of the view that disobeying traffic lights and especially jumping the red light is a serious offence which will more often than not result in serious consequences. We feel that the penalty for disobeying traffic lights should commensurate with the seriousness of the offence.
2. We are therefore in support of the proposal to increase the penalty of the offence to a fixed-penalty of \$600 and 8 de-merit points.
3. We are of the view that the penalty for disobeying traffic lights should be more severe than Careless Driving, which carries a penalty of 5 points. We feel that disobeying traffic lights is even more dangerous than driving in excess of 45kph which already carries 10 points.
4. We are however aware of situations whereby offenders might not have the intention to disobey traffic lights purposely but commit the offence due to failure to show due care and attention when driving through traffic lights. We propose that the law be amended to allow the trial magistrate, if he is satisfied on evidence that the offence was committed unintentionally, to record an alternative verdict of Careless Driving (which carries 5 points plus a fine).
5. On the same approach, we also propose that for cases charged with Dangerous Driving as a consequence of disobeying traffic lights, the trial magistrate can be allowed to return an alternative verdict of Disobeying Traffic Lights (with 8 de-merit points) in addition to Careless Driving (with 5 de-merit points) which at present is the only option available for the magistrate to consider.

IAMHK is always in support of any measure to enhance road safety.

For and on behalf of the Institute of Advanced Motorists HONG KONG Ltd.

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