

By Senator Garcia

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to traffic control; providing for the
3 synchronization of traffic lights by the Department of
4 Transportation and local traffic control authorities;
5 providing for benchmarks and monitoring; providing an
6 effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall, by
11 January 1, 2012, synchronize the traffic lights on highways,
12 roads, streets, and other transportation arteries that connect
13 the focal points of traffic interest within its jurisdiction and
14 the roads, streets, or other transportation arteries that have
15 relatively high traffic volume compared with other traffic
16 arteries within its jurisdiction.

17 (2) The traffic control authority within each county and
18 municipality shall, by January 1, 2012, synchronize the traffic
19 lights on highways, roads, streets, or other transportation
20 arteries that connect the focal points of traffic interest
21 within the respective county or municipality and the roads,
22 streets, or other transportation arteries that have relatively
23 high traffic volume compared with other traffic arteries within
24 the respective county or municipality.

25 (3) The Department of Transportation shall establish
26 performance benchmarks using best practices for traffic-light
27 synchronization by the state, counties, and municipalities in
28 order to optimize traffic flow under this act. The department
29 shall also monitor the progress on such benchmarks and provide

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30 information on such performance to the public on a regular
31 basis.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.