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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to traffic control signals; amending s.
3 316.0745, F.S.; requiring the manual of uniform traffic
4 control devices published by the Department of
5 Transportation to provide for yellow signal display
6 durations based on traffic approach speed; requiring
7 certification of the approach speed and display duration
8 by the state, county, or municipal engineer; amending s.
9 316.075, F.S.; requiring traffic control signals to
10 maintain such yellow signal display durations; providing
11 an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 316.0745, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 316.0745 Uniform signals and devices.—

18 (2) The Department of Transportation shall compile and
19 publish a manual of uniform traffic control devices which
20 defines the uniform system adopted pursuant to subsection (1),
21 and shall compile and publish minimum specifications for traffic
22 control signals and devices certified by it as conforming with
23 the uniform system.

24 (a) The department shall make copies of such manual and
25 specifications available to all counties, municipalities, and
26 other public bodies having jurisdiction of streets or highways
27 open to the public in this state.

28 (b) The manual shall provide for the use of regulatory

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29 speed signs in work zone areas. The installation of such signs
30 is exempt from the provisions of s. 335.10.

31 (c) The manual shall provide for a minimum yellow signal
32 display duration on traffic control signals based on the actual
33 85th percentile approach speed. The 85th percentile approach
34 speed is the speed at or below which 85 percent of free-flowing
35 traffic is traveling.

36 1. The minimum yellow signal display duration shall be 3
37 seconds for traffic control signals on streets with actual 85th
38 percentile approach speeds of 25 miles per hour or less.

39 2. The minimum yellow signal display duration shall be
40 increased one-half second for each increase of 5 miles per hour
41 in the 85th percentile approach speed above 25 miles per hour,
42 not to exceed 6 seconds or 55 miles per hour in the 85th
43 percentile approach speed.

44 3. Approach speeds and minimum yellow signal display
45 durations must be certified by the municipal, county, or state
46 engineer.

47 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
48 316.075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

49 316.075 Traffic control signal devices.—

50 (3) (a) A ~~No~~ traffic control signal device may not ~~shall~~ be
51 used unless it exhibits ~~which does not exhibit~~ a yellow or
52 "caution" light between the green or "go" signal and the red or
53 "stop" signal. The yellow light display must meet the duration
54 requirements under s. 316.0745 as provided for in the manual of
55 uniform traffic control devices published by the Department of
56 Transportation.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.