

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to traffic control signals; amending
 3 s. 316.075, F.S.; requiring traffic control signals to
 4 maintain certain signal intervals and display
 5 durations based on approach speeds; providing that a
 6 citation for specified violations shall be dismissed
 7 if the traffic control signal does not meet specified
 8 requirements; requiring intersections to meet
 9 requirements of the act by certain dates; providing an
 10 effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Section 316.075, Florida Statutes, is amended
 15 to read:

16 316.075 Traffic control signal devices.—

17 (1) Except for automatic warning signal lights installed
 18 or to be installed at railroad crossings and except for special
 19 pedestrian signals carrying a word legend, whenever traffic,
 20 including municipal traffic, is controlled by traffic control
 21 signals exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted
 22 arrows, successively one at a time or in combination, only the
 23 colors green, red, and yellow shall be used, ~~except for special~~
 24 ~~pedestrian signals carrying a word legend~~, and the lights shall
 25 indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as
 26 follows:

27 (a) Green indication.—

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28 | 1. Vehicular traffic facing a circular green signal may
29 | proceed cautiously straight through the intersection or turn
30 | right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such
31 | turn. However, ~~But~~ vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning
32 | right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles
33 | and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an
34 | adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.

35 | 2. Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal, shown
36 | alone or in combination with another indication, as directed by
37 | the manual, may cautiously enter the intersection only to make
38 | the movement indicated by the ~~such~~ arrow, or make such other
39 | movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same
40 | time, except the driver of any vehicle may U-turn, so as to
41 | proceed in the opposite direction unless such movement is
42 | prohibited by posted traffic control signs. Such vehicular
43 | traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully
44 | within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully
45 | entering or within ~~using~~ the intersection.

46 | 3. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control
47 | signal as provided in s. 316.0755, pedestrians facing any green
48 | signal, except when the sole green signal is a turn arrow, may
49 | proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked
50 | crosswalk.

51 | (b) Steady yellow indication.—

52 | 1. Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow signal is
53 | thereby warned that the related green movement is being
54 | terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited

55 immediately thereafter when vehicular traffic shall not enter
56 the intersection.

57 2. A pedestrian ~~pedestrians~~ facing a steady yellow signal,
58 unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as
59 provided in s. 316.0755, is ~~are~~ thereby advised that there is
60 insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red indication
61 is shown, and the ~~no~~ pedestrian may not ~~shall~~ start to cross the
62 roadway.

63 (c) Steady red indication.—

64 1. Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal shall stop
65 before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the
66 intersection or, if none, ~~then~~ before entering the intersection
67 and shall remain standing until a green indication is shown
68 except as follows, ~~however~~:

69 a. The driver of a vehicle that ~~which~~ is stopped at a
70 clearly marked stop line or, ~~but~~ if none, before entering the
71 crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, ~~or~~, if there is
72 no clearly marked stop line or crosswalk, ~~none~~ then at the point
73 nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of
74 approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway, before entering
75 the intersection in obedience to a steady red signal, may make a
76 right turn, ~~but~~ shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and
77 other traffic proceeding as directed by the signal at the
78 intersection. However, ~~except that~~ municipal and county
79 authorities may prohibit any such right turn against a steady
80 red signal at any intersection, which prohibition shall be
81 effective when a sign giving notice thereof is erected in a
82 location visible to traffic approaching the intersection.

83 | b. The driver of a vehicle on a one-way street that
 84 | intersects another one-way street on which traffic moves to the
 85 | left shall stop in obedience to a steady red signal and, ~~but~~ may
 86 | then make a left turn onto ~~into~~ the one-way street, but shall
 87 | yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic
 88 | proceeding as directed by the signal at the intersection.
 89 | However, ~~except that~~ municipal and county authorities may
 90 | prohibit any such left turn against a steady red signal at any
 91 | intersection ~~as described~~, which prohibition shall be effective
 92 | when a sign giving notice thereof is attached to the traffic
 93 | control signal device at the intersection.

94 | 2.a. The driver of a vehicle facing a steady red signal
 95 | shall stop before entering the crosswalk and remain stopped to
 96 | allow a pedestrian, with a permitted signal, to cross a roadway
 97 | when the pedestrian is in the crosswalk or steps into the
 98 | crosswalk and is upon the half of the roadway upon which the
 99 | vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so
 100 | closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in
 101 | danger.

102 | b. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control
 103 | signal as provided in s. 316.0755, a pedestrian ~~pedestrians~~
 104 | facing a steady red signal may ~~shall~~ not enter the roadway.

105 | (2) If ~~In the event~~ an official traffic control signal is
 106 | erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection,
 107 | ~~the provisions of~~ this section shall be applicable except for ~~as~~
 108 | ~~to~~ those provisions which by their nature can have no
 109 | application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or
 110 | marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made,

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111 but in the absence of any such sign or marking, the stop shall
112 be made at the signal.

113 (3) (a) A ~~No~~ traffic control signal device may not ~~shall~~ be
114 used unless it exhibits ~~which does not exhibit~~ a yellow or
115 "caution" light between the green or "go" signal and the red or
116 "stop" signal. Whenever an engineering analysis is undertaken
117 for the purpose of evaluating or reevaluating yellow and red
118 signal display durations of a new or existing traffic control
119 signal, the department and local authorities shall adhere to the
120 following:

121 1. The minimum yellow signal display duration on traffic
122 control signals shall be based on the posted speed limit plus 20
123 percent along with the standards set forth in the Institute of
124 Transportation Engineers Traffic Engineering Handbook, sixth
125 edition, published in March 2009. The minimum yellow signal
126 display duration shall be 3 seconds for a traffic control signal
127 on a street with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour or
128 less. The minimum yellow signal display duration found after the
129 evaluation or reevaluation under this paragraph shall be raised
130 to the nearest half second not to exceed 6 seconds.

131 2. An intersection with a posted speed limit greater than
132 55 miles per hour shall have, on approach, a sign posted in
133 accordance with the Department of Transportation's manual of
134 uniform traffic control devices to alert drivers to the traffic
135 control signal.

136 (b) A ~~No~~ traffic control signal device shall not display
137 any color other than the color red at the top of the vertical

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138 | signal or any color, ~~nor shall it display~~ other than the color
139 | red at the extreme left of the horizontal signal.

140 | (c) To provide additional time before conflicting traffic
141 | movements proceed, the yellow signal display shall be followed
142 | by an all-red clearance interval delaying the change of opposing
143 | red light signals. The duration of the clearance interval shall
144 | be determined by engineering practices as provided for in the
145 | Department of Transportation's manual of uniform traffic control
146 | devices required under s. 316.0745. The duration of a red
147 | clearance interval may be extended from its predetermined value
148 | for a given cycle based upon the detection of a vehicle that is
149 | predicted to violate the red signal indication.

150 | (4) A violation of subsection (1) or subsection (2) ~~this~~
151 | ~~section~~ is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant
152 | to chapter 318 as ~~either~~ a pedestrian violation or, if the
153 | infraction resulted from the operation of a vehicle, as a moving
154 | violation. However, a citation for a violation of subparagraph
155 | (1)(c)1. committed at an intersection where the traffic signal
156 | device does not meet all requirements of subsection (3) is
157 | unenforceable, and the court, clerk of the court, designated
158 | official, or authorized operator of a traffic violations bureau
159 | shall dismiss the citation without penalty or assessment of
160 | points against the license of the person cited. Dismissal of the
161 | citation under this subsection does not affect the validity of
162 | any other citation or charge for a violation of law, and the
163 | dismissal may not be used as evidence in any other civil or
164 | criminal proceeding. Intersections with traffic infraction
165 | detectors must meet the requirements of this section by December

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166 31, 2014, and any citation issued at any such intersection that
167 does not meet the requirements of this section by December 31,
168 2014, shall be dismissed under this subsection. All other
169 intersections must meet the requirements in this section by
170 December 31, 2016, and any citation issued at any such
171 intersection that does not meet the requirements of this section
172 by December 31, 2016, shall be dismissed under this subsection.
173 One-third of the total number of intersections must be examined
174 and brought into compliance with this section each year until
175 all intersections are in compliance.

176 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.