

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to traffic and pedestrian safety;
 3 providing a short title; creating s. 316.0756, F.S.;
 4 specifying pedestrian crosswalks that may be
 5 controlled by yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon
 6 traffic control devices; requiring removal of such
 7 devices from, and removal or retrofitting of, certain
 8 crosswalks; requiring the Department of Transportation
 9 to request that the Federal Government allow
 10 replacement of yellow rectangular rapid flashing
 11 beacon traffic control devices with red rectangular
 12 rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices;
 13 providing requirements for replacement of rectangular
 14 rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices, or
 15 retrofitting or removal of certain crosswalks, if such
 16 request is granted; providing a declaration of
 17 important state interest; providing an effective date.

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

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 21 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Sophia Nelson
 22 Pedestrian Safety Act."

23 Section 2. Section 316.0756, Florida Statutes, is created
 24 to read:

25 316.0756 Traffic control devices at crosswalks.-

26 (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, only a
27 pedestrian crosswalk that is located on a public highway,
28 street, or road that has no more than two lanes and for which
29 the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less may be controlled
30 by yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control
31 devices.

32 (2) Yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic
33 control devices that are located on a pedestrian crosswalk on a
34 public highway, street, or road that does not meet the
35 requirements of subsection (1) must be removed from such
36 crosswalk by October 1, 2024, and the entity with jurisdiction
37 over such crosswalk must remove the crosswalk or retrofit the
38 crosswalk with legally acceptable equipment.

39 (3) (a) No later than October 1, 2020, the Department of
40 Transportation must submit to the Federal Government a request
41 for authorization to allow yellow rectangular rapid flashing
42 beacon traffic control devices to be replaced by red rectangular
43 rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices.

44 (b) If the Federal Government grants such request:

45 1. All yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic
46 control devices at each crosswalk described in subsection (1)
47 must be replaced by red rectangular rapid flashing beacon
48 traffic control devices within 12 months after the date of
49 federal authorization.

50 2.a. All yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic

51 control devices at each crosswalk described in subsection (2)
52 must be replaced by red rectangular rapid flashing beacon
53 traffic control devices within 12 months after the date of
54 federal authorization; or

55 b. By October 1, 2024, each crosswalk described in
56 subsection (2) must be retrofitted with legally acceptable
57 equipment or removed.

58 Section 3. The Legislature finds and declares that this
59 act fulfills an important state interest.

60 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.