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HOUSE BILL 289

Short Title: Coordinate Traffic Signals/Reduce Energy Use. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Allred; Blust, Current, Harrison, and Samuelson.

Referred to: Energy and Energy Efficiency, if favorable, Transportation, if favorable, Appropriations.

February 25, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE MUNICIPALITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO COORDINATE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PATTERNS TO REDUCE  
THE CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 136-66.2A. Coordination of traffic control devices.**

The Department of Transportation and any municipality or metropolitan planning organization (MPO), as recognized in G.S. 136-200.1, shall develop and implement a comprehensive traffic control plan that will coordinate the traffic signal patterns on streets or highways that are part of the State Highway System that enter into a municipality and become part of the Municipal Street System. The plan should focus on eliminating idle time of vehicles and the efficient flow of vehicular traffic through the municipalities in order to decrease consumption of fossil fuels, provide a cleaner environment, and reduce energy consumption."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

