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HOUSE BILL 844

Short Title: DOT/Traffic Signal Oversight. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Adams, Malone, and Torbett (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Transportation

April 13, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITH  
3 AUTHORITY AND SUPERVISION OVER ELECTRONIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND  
4 OTHER ELECTRONIC TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ON THE PUBLIC  
5 HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND STREETS OF THIS STATE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-18 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

8 "(46) The authority and supervision over electronic traffic signals and other  
9 electronic traffic control devices on the public highways, roads, and streets  
10 of this State. The Department shall develop and publish on its Web site  
11 standards that must be met when operating electronic traffic signals and  
12 other electronic traffic control devices. If the Department determines that a  
13 local government is not operating electronic traffic signals and other  
14 electronic traffic control devices in accordance with the standards  
15 established under this subdivision, the Department shall notify the local  
16 government in writing and specify what standard or standards are not being  
17 met. If the local government fails to take corrective action within 60 days of  
18 receiving notice from the Department, the Department shall assume control  
19 over the operation of the electronic traffic signal or electronic traffic control  
20 device, and the Department shall maintain control over the operation until  
21 the local government demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Department the  
22 ability to operate the electronic traffic signal or electronic traffic control  
23 device in accordance with the standards established under this subdivision. If  
24 the Department assumes control of the operation of an electronic traffic  
25 signal or electronic traffic control device, the local government shall  
26 reimburse the Department for any costs incurred by the Department during  
27 its control of the operation."

28 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Transportation shall commence development of  
29 the standards required under G.S. 136-18(46), as enacted by this act.

30 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2017. The  
31 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.



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