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HOUSE BILL DRH30344-ML-164A (03/24)

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

Sponsors: Representatives Adams and Malone (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

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.

