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HOUSE BILL 729

Short Title: Stoplights on U.S. Highway 70. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gorman, LaRoque (Primary Sponsors); Wainwright and K. Williams.

Referred to: Transportation.

March 27, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FROM
INSTALLING ANY ADDITIONAL STOPLIGHTS ON A CERTAIN PORTION
OF U.S. HIGHWAY 70.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"§ 136-18.8. No additional stoplights on U.S. 70.

The Department of Transportation shall not erect any additional traffic control stoplights on U.S. 70 between its intersection with Interstate 40 in Garner, North Carolina, and where it enters the municipal limits of Morehead City, North Carolina. The Department of Transportation shall use other traffic control structures such as turnouts and crossovers rather than traffic control stoplights and turn lanes to safely control traffic crossing U.S. 70 unless the Department has secured a study by an independent traffic engineer, approved by the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, certifying that the stoplight is essential for highway safety."

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