

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1576

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

Sponsors: Representatives Allred; Blackwood, Blust, Coates, Folwell, Glazier, Harrison, Moore, and Walend.

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

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 "**§ 136-66.2A. Coordination of traffic control devices.**

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

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