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Requesting the Department of Transportation to study traffic signal retiming and current implementation of traffic signal timing in the Commonwealth. Report.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, traffic signals that are not timed to coordinate efficiently with vehicular traffic can cause travel delays, increased accident rates, increased pollution from vehicle emissions, and increased fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS, signal timing is effective only as long as the traffic patterns that were used to generate the signal timing are reasonably constant, but traffic patterns change over time; and

WHEREAS, traffic signal retiming can significantly reduce delays and stops experienced by motorists, which can improve safety and reduce fuel consumption and emissions and is one of the most cost effective ways to improve traffic flow along a corridor; and

WHEREAS, the number of severe collisions on city streets can be reduced by producing smoother traffic flow and fewer stops; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Transportation be requested to study traffic signal retiming and current implementation of traffic signal timing in the Commonwealth.

In conducting its study, the Department of Transportation shall review data on current traffic conditions during peak traffic periods, pedestrian volume, collision history, and the cost to retime traffic signals across the Commonwealth.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department of Transportation for this study, upon request.

The Department of Transportation shall complete its meetings by November 30, 2016, and shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and a report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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