

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to traffic and pedestrian safety;
 3 creating s. 316.0756, F.S.; specifying pedestrian
 4 crosswalks that may be controlled by yellow
 5 rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control
 6 devices; requiring the Legislature to request that the
 7 Federal Government allow replacement of yellow
 8 rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control
 9 devices with red rectangular rapid flashing beacon
 10 traffic control devices; providing requirements for
 11 replacement or removal of rectangular rapid flashing
 12 beacon traffic control devices based on the decision
 13 of the Federal Government regarding such request;
 14 providing a declaration of important state interest;
 15 providing an effective date.

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 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 19 Section 1. Section 316.0756, Florida Statutes, is created
 20 to read:

21 316.0756 Traffic control devices at crosswalks.—
 22 (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, only a
 23 pedestrian crosswalk that is located on a public highway,
 24 street, or road that has no more than two lanes and for which
 25 the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less may be controlled

26 | by yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control
27 | devices.

28 | (2) The Legislature shall request that the Federal
29 | Government allow existing yellow rectangular rapid flashing
30 | beacon traffic control devices at each crosswalk described in
31 | subsection (1) to be replaced by red rectangular rapid flashing
32 | beacon traffic control devices. If the Federal Government grants
33 | such request, all yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon
34 | traffic control devices at each such crosswalk shall be replaced
35 | by red rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices
36 | within 12 months. If the Federal Government does not grant such
37 | request, the entity with jurisdiction over a public highway,
38 | street, or road with a crosswalk that does not meet the
39 | requirements of subsection (1) which is in existence on July 1,
40 | 2020, shall ensure that, by October 1, 2024, all rectangular
41 | rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices are removed from
42 | such crosswalk. The entity with jurisdiction may alternatively
43 | completely remove such crosswalk or retrofit the crosswalk with
44 | legally acceptable equipment.

45 | Section 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this
46 | act fulfills an important state interest.

47 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.