

HOUSE BILL No. 6324

August 9, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Kolb, Accavitti, Kathleen Law, Zelenko, Green, Vagnozzi, Lipsey, Alma Smith and Tobocman and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to promote driver safety, the free flow of traffic, and fuel conservation in the synchronization of traffic control signals within communities and between adjacent communities; and to prescribe certain duties of certain state agencies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "green
2 light community act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of state police.

5 (b) "Traffic control signal" means any device, whether
6 manually, electrically, or mechanically operated, by which traffic
7 is alternately directed to stop and then proceed.

1 (c) "Unit of local government" means a county, city, or
2 village.

3 Sec. 3. (1) For a unit of local government to qualify for the
4 designation "green light community", the unit of local government
5 shall meet the requirements in this section.

6 (2) A unit of local government may apply to the department on
7 a form prescribed by the department to be designated a "green light
8 community". In order to qualify as a green light community, the
9 local unit of government shall demonstrate the following to the
10 satisfaction of the department:

11 (a) The unit of local government has maximized the
12 synchronization of traffic control signals on designated streets in
13 its jurisdiction to allow motorists to save energy and promote the
14 free flow of traffic to improve safety.

15 (b) The unit of local government has taken steps to reach out
16 to adjacent units of local government and explore opportunities to
17 coordinate synchronization of traffic control signals to the extent
18 practicable.

19 Sec. 4. The department shall review the application and grant
20 the designation of green light community to a unit of local
21 government that has demonstrated the elements required in section
22 3.

23 Sec. 5. The department may provide a unit of local government
24 that has attained the designation of green light community with
25 grants to the extent available to be used to promote traffic
26 control signal synchronization to implement a safe flow of traffic
27 with the maximum fuel conservation. The department shall provide

1 information, including, but not limited to, hyperlinks, on its
2 website to assist local units of government in gathering
3 information to determine how to qualify for the designation. The
4 department shall participate in education, outreach, and promotion
5 of the benefits of becoming a green light community. In determining
6 how to formulate, promote, and educate communities about the
7 benefits of becoming a green light community, the department may
8 consult with other state agencies. The department, in cooperation
9 with other state agencies as the department determines necessary,
10 shall design a logo indicating that a community is a green light
11 community.

12 Sec. 6. A local unit of government that qualifies as a green
13 light community is authorized to utilize the official state-
14 designed logo indicating that it is a green light community on its
15 signage and otherwise as appropriate at its own expense.