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Committee Assignment: Assembly Liberty 3

Bill #:AL-22

1 **Sponsors:** Jack Byrne, Ashleigh Rosen, Matthew Roberson

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3 **An Act To:** Amend Vehicle and Traffic article 24 adding §1118 to add a timer on  
4 stop lights in high accident prone intersections.

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6 *The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:*

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8 **Purpose:** The purpose of this bill is to decrease the amount of traffic violations in  
9 New York State by providing the funds necessary to implement traffic signal  
10 countdown timers in accident prone intersections.

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12 **Summary of Provisions:**

13 **Section 1: Definitions**

14 **Accident Prone Intersections:** An intersection with 25 or more reported accidents.

15 **Intersection:** A point at which two or more roads or streets meet or cross.

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17 **Section 2:**

18 Traffic-control signals; malfunction. Except when directed to proceed by a police  
19 officer, every operator of a motor vehicle approaching an intersection  
20 governed by a traffic-control signal which is out of service or otherwise  
21 malfunctioning shall stop in the manner required for stop signs set forth in  
22 section eleven hundred seventy-two of this title, and proceed according to the rules  
23 of right of way for vehicles set forth in article twenty-six of this title. §1118 Timer  
24 of accident prone intersections. This bill will place traffic timers on Tillary Street and  
25 Flatbush Avenue, 2nd Avenue and East 59th Street, and 42nd Street and 8th  
26 Avenue. Timers will be attached to every light and will count down from green to  
27 yellow and red to green.

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29 **Justification:**

30 This bill will decrease the amount of fatalities and injuries within the areas this bill  
31 takes effect in. Not only will this bill benefit the health of the state, but it will  
32 benefit the individual cost per person as well. This would include health insurance  
33 and car insurance. Traffic timers will only be set on the three intersections, Tillary  
34 Street and Flatbush Avenue, 2nd Avenue and East 59th Street, and 42nd Street  
35 and 8th Avenue now, in hopes that they will succeed in making these areas more  
36 safe and for the idea to branch out to other streets eventually.

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40 **Fiscal Implications:**

41 Since this technology is relatively new, there is not an exact set price per timer.

42 However, due to the fact that the implementation of these timers would lead to  
43 significantly less accidents, the overall cost per person would go down immensely.

44 The responsibility of payment would be delegated to the New York State

45 Department of Transportation.

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47 **Environmental Implications:**

48 This bill will benefit the environment by lowering pollution rates. Since accidents will

49 be less of a problem, traffic will flow more easily, so the amount of car exhaust and  
50 other gasses that escape from crashes into the environment will be reduced.

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52 **Effective Date:**

53 This bill will go into effect 1 year after its passage.