# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

March 1, 2024

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT directing the commissioner of transportation to conduct a study on the implementation of traffic control devices at intersections with a high volume of visual and hearing impaired pedestrians

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

Section 1. The commissioner of transportation shall conduct a study on the feasibility and process for installing pedestrian control devices at traffic intersections involving a state-owned public road where there may be a high volume of pedestrians with visual and hearing impairments. Such study shall include an estimate of how many intersections may require such devices, the method used for determining such estimate, a process for implementation, and the estimated costs involved. For purposes of this act, "pedestrian control device" shall mean an electronically operated traffic control device composed of one or more indications which directs pedestrian traffic at signalized locations and assists the visual and hearing impaired in safely crossing a traffic intersection.

§ 2. Upon completion of the study but no later than the thirty-first of December next succeeding the date on which this act shall have become a law, the commissioner of transportation shall submit a report based on the findings of the study to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the assembly, the chair of the senate transportation committee, and the chair of the assembly transportation committee which shall include the findings and recommendations of the study described in section one of this act.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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