

## CHAPTER 2

**AN ACT** requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct an emergency response priority control system study program.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The Department of Transportation shall establish an emergency response priority control system study program. The study program shall employ computer-assisted techniques to simulate a priority control system capable of sending a communication from an authorized emergency vehicle to a traffic control signal to cause the traffic control signal to display a green light to permit the authorized emergency vehicle to travel through the traffic control signal when the authorized emergency vehicle is responding to an emergency. The study shall design and test a configuration for a priority control system that would allow an authorized emergency vehicle to pass expeditiously through a traffic control signal once a communication has been received from the authorized emergency vehicle. The department may use such resources as may be available for the support of the study, but the cost of the study shall not exceed \$100,000.

2. The Department of Transportation shall design the study program established pursuant to section 1 of this act for the municipalities served by the North Hudson Regional Fire and Rescue, a regionalized fire department.

3. The Commissioner of Transportation shall evaluate the results of the emergency response priority control system study program established by this act and shall report to the Legislature and the Governor within one year of the effective date of P.L.2003, c.2 as to the effectiveness of the system along with recommendations as to whether or not the system should be implemented.

4. This act shall take effect immediately

Approved January 27, 2003.