

# **One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB85**

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**Chairperson: Senator Annette Dubas**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: February 12, 2013**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Many intersections across the state are controlled by “vehicle-activated traffic control signals” equipped with sensors embedded in the roadway that detect the presence of metal on a motor vehicle and, once detected, the sensor triggers the light to change to green. However, many of these sensors do not reliably detect enough metal on a motorcycle to trigger the light to change.

When this happens the cyclist is cast upon the horns of a dilemma, having to choose, sometimes under inclement conditions, between waiting for a larger vehicle to happen upon the intersection to trigger the light or making a technically illegal decision to run the light. A motorcycle waiting for another vehicle poses some safety risk for the cyclist and an unwary motorist who might come upon him from the rear.

LB85 is intended to provide a solution to the cyclist’s dilemma by permitting a motorcyclist stopped at an intersection with a traffic control signal to cautiously proceed through the intersection if the light remains unchanged for two minutes and the intersection is clear of any vehicles with the right-of-way.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Paul Schumacher**