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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation and Transit Policy and Oversight Division

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to traffic regulations; modifying provisions governing speed limits  
1.3 in highway work zones; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.14,  
1.4 subdivision 5d.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.14, subdivision 5d, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5d. **Speed zoning in work zone; surcharge.** (a) The commissioner, on  
1.8 trunk highways and temporary trunk highways, and local authorities, on streets and  
1.9 highways under their jurisdiction, may authorize the use of reduced maximum speed  
1.10 limits in highway work zones. The commissioner or local authority is not required to  
1.11 conduct an engineering and traffic investigation before authorizing a reduced speed limit  
1.12 in a highway work zone.

1.13 (b) The minimum highway work zone speed limit is 20 miles per hour. The work  
1.14 zone speed limit must not reduce the established speed limit on the affected street or  
1.15 highway by more than ~~15~~ 20 miles per hour, except that the highway work zone speed  
1.16 limit must not exceed 40 miles per hour. The commissioner or local authority shall post  
1.17 the limits of the work zone. Highway work zone speed limits are effective on erection of  
1.18 appropriate regulatory speed limit signs. The signs must be removed or covered when  
1.19 they are not required. A speed greater than the posted highway work zone speed limit is  
1.20 unlawful.

1.21 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), on divided highways the commissioner or local  
1.22 authority may establish a highway work zone speed limit that does not exceed 55 miles  
1.23 per hour.

2.1 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, "highway work zone" means a segment of  
2.2 highway or street where a road authority or its agent is constructing, reconstructing, or  
2.3 maintaining the physical structure of the roadway, its shoulders, or features adjacent to  
2.4 the roadway, including underground and overhead utilities and highway appurtenances,  
2.5 when workers are present.

2.6 (e) Notwithstanding section 609.0331 or 609.101 or other law to the contrary, a  
2.7 person who violates a speed limit established under paragraph (b) or (c), or who violates  
2.8 any other provision of this section while in a highway work zone, is assessed an additional  
2.9 surcharge equal to the amount of the fine imposed for the speed violation, but not less  
2.10 than \$25.