

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Department of Transportation has the authority to lower speed limits in construction zones and double the traffic fines for violations of those speed limits. Because of the reduced speed limit and increased fines, drivers should be notified of exactly where the construction zone begins and ends. H.B. 2541 would redefine “construction or maintenance work zone” to state that such a zone must have signs indicating where the zone begins and ends.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2541 redefines “construction or maintenance work zone” regarding traffic offenses.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 472.022(e)(2), Transportation Code, to redefine “construction or maintenance work zone” to include a portion of a highway or street that is marked by signs indicating that it is a construction or maintenance work zone and indicating where the zone begins and ends.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.