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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **1796**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; traffic regulations; modifying speed limits in work  
1.3 zones; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 169.14, subdivision 5d.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 169.14, subdivision 5d, is amended to read:

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

1.12 (b) ~~The minimum highway work zone speed limit is 20 miles per hour. The work~~  
1.13 ~~zone speed limit must not reduce~~ be 15 miles per hour less than the established speed limit  
1.14 ~~on the affected street or highway by more than 15 miles per hour, except that the highway~~  
1.15 ~~work zone speed limit must not exceed 40 miles per hour, except that the minimum~~  
1.16 highway work zone speed limit is 20 miles per hour. The commissioner or local authority  
1.17 shall post the limits of the work zone. Highway work zone speed limits are effective  
1.18 on erection of appropriate regulatory speed limit signs. The signs must be removed or  
1.19 covered when they are not required. A speed greater than the posted highway work zone  
1.20 speed limit is 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) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), on two-lane highways having one lane for~~  
2.2 ~~each direction of travel with a posted speed limit of 60 miles per hour or greater, the~~  
2.3 ~~commissioner or local authority may establish a highway work zone speed limit that~~  
2.4 ~~does not exceed 40 miles per hour.~~

2.5           ~~(e)~~ (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "highway work zone" means a segment of  
2.6 highway or street where a road authority or its agent is constructing, reconstructing, or  
2.7 maintaining the physical structure of the roadway, its shoulders, or features adjacent to  
2.8 the roadway, including underground and overhead utilities and highway appurtenances,  
2.9 when workers are present.

2.10           ~~(f)~~ (d) Notwithstanding section 609.0331 or 609.101 or other law to the contrary, a  
2.11 person who violates a speed limit established under this subdivision, or who violates any  
2.12 other provision of this section while in a highway work zone, is assessed an additional  
2.13 surcharge equal to the amount of the fine imposed for the speed violation, but not less  
2.14 than \$25.