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Senate Bill 755 (as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Doug Carl
Committee: Transportation and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to provide that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Code, a person responsible for a moving violation in a construction zone would be subject to a fine that was double the fine otherwise prescribed for that violation.

Whenever practical, signs designed in compliance with the Uniform Manual of Traffic Control Devices would have to be placed appropriately at the construction zone by the State Transportation Department or road authority having jurisdiction over the construction zone notifying vehicle operators that for the protection and safety of construction workers the fine for a moving violation in that work area would be double the fine otherwise prescribed for that moving violation.

“Construction zone” would mean a designated work area described in Section 627, which refers to an area where a normal lane or part of the lane of traffic has been closed due to highway construction, maintenance, or surveying. “Moving violation” would mean an act or omission prohibited under the Code or a substantially corresponding local ordinance that occurred while a person was operating a motor vehicle, and for which the person was subject to a fine.

Proposed MCL 257.601b

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FISCAL IMPACT

Revenue generated would depend on the level of enforcement at construction zones. The Michigan Department of State Police issued 1,427 moving violation tickets in construction zones in 1994. These data do not include tickets issued by local law enforcement officers. There were 5,992 crashes in construction zones statewide in 1994.

Costs for signs notifying motorists that fines for moving violations in construction zones were double would depend on the size of sign required. The cost of movable signs currently used in construction areas is approximately \$80 per sign.

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