SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5173

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code,"

by amending section 601b (MCL 257.601b), as amended by 2001 PA 103.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 601b. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
- 2 act, a person responsible for a moving violation in a
- 3 -construction work zone, at an emergency scene, or in a school
- 4 zone during the period beginning 30 minutes before school in the
- 5 morning and through 30 minutes after school in the afternoon is
- 6 subject to a fine that is double the fine otherwise prescribed
- 7 for that moving violation.
- 8 (2) A person who commits a moving violation -that has
- 9 criminal penalties for which not fewer than 3 points are
- 10 assigned under section 320a and as a result causes injury to a

- 1 person working in the -construction work zone is guilty of a
- 2 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or
- 3 imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.
- **4** (3) A person who commits a moving violation that has
- 5 criminal penalties for which not fewer than 3 points are
- 6 assigned under section 320a and as a result causes death to a
- 7 person working in the -construction work zone is guilty of a
- 8 felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$7,500.00 or by
- 9 imprisonment for not more than 15 years, or both.
- 10 (4) Whenever practical, signs designed in compliance with the
- 11 uniform manual of traffic control devices shall be appropriately
- 12 placed at the -construction work zone by the state
- 13 transportation department or road authority having jurisdiction
- 14 over the -construction- work zone notifying operators of vehicles
- 15 of the increased fines and penalties provided by this section for
- 16 the protection and safety of construction workers.
- 17 (5) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply if the injury or
- 18 death was caused by the negligence of the person working in the
- 19 -construction work zone.
- 20 (6) As used in this section:
- 21 (a) "Construction zone" means a designated work area
- 22 described in section 627.
- 23 (a) —(b) "Emergency scene" means a traffic accident, a
- 24 serious incident caused by weather conditions, or another
- 25 occurrence along a highway or street for which a police officer,
- 26 firefighter, or emergency medical personnel are summoned to aid
- 27 an injured victim.

- 1 (b) -(c) "Moving violation" means an act or omission
- 2 prohibited under this act or a local ordinance substantially
- 3 corresponding to this act that occurs while a person is operating
- 4 a motor vehicle, and for which the person is subject to a fine.
- 5 (c) -(d) "School zone" means that term as defined in section
- 627a.
- 7 (d) "Work zone" means a designated work area described in
- section 79d.
- 9 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
- 10 effect unless House Bill No. 5089 of the 92nd Legislature is
- 11 enacted into law.