

HOUSE BILL No. 4468

March 15, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Byrnes, Byrum, Young and Mayes and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 601b (MCL 257.601b), as amended by 2003 PA 314.

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 work zone, at
3 an emergency scene, or in a school zone during the period beginning
4 30 minutes before school in the morning and through 30 minutes
5 after school in the afternoon is subject to a fine that is double
6 the fine otherwise prescribed for that moving violation.

7 (2) A person who commits a moving violation **IN A WORK ZONE** for
8 which not fewer than 3 points are assigned under section 320a and
9 as a result causes injury to a ~~ANOTHER~~ person ~~working~~ in the work
10 zone is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more

1 than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

2 (3) A person who commits a moving violation **IN A WORK ZONE** for
3 which not fewer than 3 points are assigned under section 320a and
4 as a result causes death to a ~~ANOTHER~~ person ~~working~~ in the work
5 zone is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than
6 \$7,500.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 15 years, or both.

7 (4) Whenever practical, signs designed in compliance with the
8 uniform manual of traffic control devices shall be appropriately
9 placed at the work zone by the state transportation department or
10 road authority having jurisdiction over the work zone notifying
11 operators of vehicles of the increased fines and penalties provided
12 by this section for the protection and safety of construction
13 workers **AND THE PUBLIC**.

14 (5) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply if the injury or
15 death was caused by the negligence of the **INJURED OR DECEASED**
16 person ~~working~~ in the work zone.

17 (6) As used in this section:

18 (a) "Emergency scene" means a traffic accident, a serious
19 incident caused by weather conditions, or another occurrence along
20 a highway or street for which a police officer, firefighter, or
21 emergency medical personnel are summoned to aid an injured victim.

22 (b) "Moving violation" means an act or omission prohibited
23 under this act or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to
24 this act that occurs while a person is operating a motor vehicle,
25 and for which the person is subject to a fine.

26 (c) "School zone" means that term as defined in section 627a.