

# Fiscal Analysis

## MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE – WORK ZONE DEFINED



**Bill/Sponsor** HOUSE BILL 5089 (H-1) As Reported, Rep. Daniel J. Acciavatti

**House Committee** Transportation

### Analysis

#### Summary

House Bill 5089 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code (PA 300 of 1949) by adding new section 79d to define of “work zone” as meaning a portion of a street or highway meeting any one of three criteria: (a) “*Is between a ‘work zone begins’ sign and a ‘work zone ends’ sign*”; (b) “*for construction, maintenance, or utility work activities conducted by a work crew and more than 1 moving vehicle, is between a ‘begin work convoy’ sign and an ‘end work convoy’ sign*”; and (c) “*for construction, maintenance, or utility work activities conducted by a work crew and 1 moving vehicle or stationary vehicle exhibiting a rotating beacon or strobe light*” the bill defines the work zone in relation to points in front of and behind the vehicle.

The bill’s definitions appear to conform to the definition of work zone in Section 6C.02 of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

The bill would amend Section 320a of the Michigan Vehicle Code, which provides penalties for various violations of the Code, to change references from “work area” to “work zone.” The bill would also amend the definition of “construction zone” in Section 601b of the Michigan Vehicle Code, to mean “work zone” as described in Section 627.

Section 627 of the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.627) sets standards for speed limits. Under current law, subsection (9) of Section 627 sets a presumptive speed limit of 45 miles per hour for highway areas where “*a normal lane or part of a lane of traffic has been closed due to highway construction, maintenance, or survey work.*” The bill would change the description of the area governed by this subsection to “work zone.”

#### Fiscal Impact

The bill has no apparent material impact on state or local costs or revenues.

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