

Legislative Analysis



SPEED LIMIT SIGNS IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES

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House Bill 5286 (H-2) as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Mark Huizenga

Committee: Transportation

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(Enacted as Public Act 52 of 2022)

SUMMARY:

House Bill 5286 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to provide that, if a work zone has a speed limit in effect only when workers are *present*, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), a county road commission, or a local road authority is authorized to include one or more flashing lights and an *illuminated changeable digital message* displaying the speed limit on the *speed limit sign* required for the work zone under the code.

Present would mean located in proximity to a roadway that is not protected by a guardrail or barrier.

Illuminated changeable digital message would mean an electronic message that displays the speed limit in a numerical format.

Speed limit sign would include a sign that displays illuminated changeable digital messages.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would authorize road agencies to include one or more flashing lights and an illuminated changeable digital message displaying speed limit on the speed limit sign in work zones as specified in the bill. To the extent that the bill is permissive only, there would be no direct fiscal impact on the state or local units of government. Flashing lights and illuminated changeable digital message boards, if used on a project, would be an additional cost to the specific project.

POSITIONS:

The following entities indicated support for the bill:

- Michigan Department of Transportation (11-30-21)
- Department of State Police (11-30-21)
- Michigan Laborers District Council (10-27-21)
- Operating Engineers #324 (11-30-21)

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