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Senate Bill 943 (as introduced 3-2-22)  
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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to modify the definition of "work zone".**

The Code defines "work zone" as a portion of a street or highway that meets any of the following:

- Is between a "work zone begins" sign and an "end road work" sign.
- For construction, maintenance, or utility work activities conducted by a work crew and more than one moving vehicle, is between a "begin work convoy" sign and an "end work convoy" sign.

In addition, for construction, maintenance, surveying, or utility work activities conducted by a work crew and one moving or stationary vehicle exhibiting a rotating beacon or strobe light, "work zone" means a portion of a street or highway that is between the following points:

- A point that is 150 feet behind the rear of the vehicle or that is the point from which the beacon or strobe light is first visible on the street or highway behind the vehicle, whichever is closer to the vehicle.
- A point that is 150 feet in front of the front of the vehicle or that is the point from which the beacon or strobe light is first visible on the street or highway in front of the vehicle, whichever is closer to the vehicle.

Under the bill, "work zone" instead would mean a portion of a street or highway open to vehicular traffic and adjacent to a barrier, berm, lane, or shoulder of a street or a highway within which construction, maintenance, public utility work, reconstruction, repair, resurfacing, or surveying is being conducted by one or more individuals and that meets any of the following:

- Is between a sign notifying the beginning of work and an "end road work" sign or, if no sign is posted, the last temporary traffic control device before the normal flow of traffic resumes.
- Is between a "begin work convoy" sign and an "end work convoy" sign.

In addition, if a moving or stationary vehicle or equipment exhibiting a rotating beacon or strobe light was used, "work zone" would mean a portion of street or highway described above that is between both of the following points:

- A point that is 150 feet behind the rear of the vehicle or equipment or that is the point from which the beacon or strobe light is first visible on the street or highway behind the vehicle or equipment, whichever is closer to the vehicle or equipment.
- A point that is 150 feet in front of the front of the vehicle or equipment or that is the point from which the beacon or strobe light is first visible on the street or highway in front of the vehicle or equipment, whichever is closer to the vehicle or equipment.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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