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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to highway construction area safety.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 314.28 BARRIERS REQUIRED AT  
2 CONSTRUCTION SITES.

3 The department shall provide or require a contractor  
4 performing highway maintenance or construction to provide a  
5 barrier in the lane of a highway which is closed and  
6 undergoing maintenance or construction. The barrier shall be  
7 of sufficient size and weight to divert a motor vehicle from  
8 the area under construction or maintenance. The distance  
9 between the barrier and the end of the highway maintenance or  
10 construction zone shall be clearly marked to indicate that  
11 traffic is prohibited from entering the lane in which the  
12 barrier is located.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill requires the state department of transportation  
15 to utilize, and to require contractors to utilize, a barrier  
16 in the lane of a highway which is closed and undergoing  
17 maintenance or construction. The barrier must be capable of  
18 diverting any motor vehicle from the area in which workers are  
19 performing maintenance or construction.

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