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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to highway construction worker 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 moveable barrier in the lane of a highway which is closed and
6 undergoing maintenance or construction. The barrier shall be
7 placed no closer than one hundred yards from the highway
8 maintenance or construction workers and no farther than five
9 hundred yards from the workers. The barrier shall be of
10 sufficient size and weight to bring a motor vehicle of any
11 size and weight which collides with the barrier to a stop
12 within one hundred yards. The distance between the barrier
13 and the end of the highway maintenance or construction zone
14 shall be clearly marked to indicate that traffic is prohibited
15 from entering the lane in which the barrier is located.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill requires the department of transportation to
18 utilize, and to require contractors to utilize, a moveable
19 barrier in the lane of a highway which is closed and
20 undergoing maintenance or construction. The barrier must be
21 capable of stopping any motor vehicle within 100 yards and
22 must be located between 100 and 500 yards from the workers
23 performing the maintenance or construction.

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