

House Study Bill 559

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing increased penalties for speeding violations
2 committed by a motor vehicle operator in a road work zone.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 5483XD 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.253, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 321.253 DEPARTMENT TO ERECT SIGNS.
1 4 1. The department shall place and maintain such
1 5 traffic-control devices, conforming to its manual and
1 6 specifications, upon all primary highways as it ~~shall deem~~
1 7 deems necessary to indicate and to carry out the provisions of
1 8 this chapter or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic. Whenever
1 9 practical, ~~said~~ the devices or signs shall be purchased from
1 10 the director of the Iowa department of corrections.

1 11 2. The department shall post signs informing motorists of
1 12 the penalties for speeding in a road work zone and that the
1 13 scheduled fine for committing a any other moving traffic
1 14 violation in a road work zone is doubled.

1 15 Sec. 2. Section 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph i, Code
1 16 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1 17 i. ROAD WORK ZONE VIOLATIONS. The scheduled fine for any
1 18 moving traffic violation under chapter 321, as provided in
1 19 this section, shall be doubled if the violation occurs within
1 20 any road work zone, as defined in section 321.1. However,
1 21 notwithstanding subsection 5, the scheduled fine for violating
1 22 the speed limit in a road work zone is as follows:

1 23 (1) One hundred fifty dollars for speed not more than ten
1 24 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

1 25 (2) Three hundred dollars for speed greater than ten but
1 26 not more than twenty miles per hour over the posted speed
1 27 limit.

1 28 (3) Five hundred dollars for speed greater than twenty but
1 29 not more than twenty-five miles per hour over the posted speed
1 30 limit.

1 31 (4) One thousand dollars for speed greater than
1 32 twenty-five miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

1 33 EXPLANATION

1 34 This bill increases penalties for speeding violations
1 35 committed by a motor vehicle operator in a road work zone.
2 1 Pursuant to the bill, the scheduled fine for speeds up to and
2 2 including 10 miles per hour over the limit is \$150; for speeds
2 3 from 11 through 20 miles per hour over the limit, \$300; for
2 4 speeds from 21 through 25 miles per hour over the limit, \$500;
2 5 and for speeds 26 miles per hour or more over the limit,
2 6 \$1,000. Pursuant to current law, scheduled fines for moving
2 7 traffic violations committed in a road work zone are doubled.
2 8 Under the bill, doubled fines will continue to apply for
2 9 moving violations other than speeding violations. The bill
2 10 requires the department of transportation to post signs
2 11 informing motorists of the increased speeding fines.
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