

Subject Highway work zone safety

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Overview

This bill directs the Departments of Transportation and Public Safety to jointly develop both (1) a pilot program implementation plan for deploying automated traffic enforcement systems in work zones, and (2) an assessment of work zone speed management that includes proposals for work zone safety and process changes to make yet in the 2021 construction season. It is effective the day after enactment.

Summary

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| 1 | Work zone safety pilot program development. |
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Directs the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the Department of Public Safety to begin developing a pilot program to use automated traffic enforcement in work zones, for implementation starting in 2022, and to perform an assessment of work zone speed management to implement changes starting in the 2021 construction season.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms.

Subd. 2. Pilot program development and schedule. Requires development of the pilot program and sets out a timeline. Makes implementation dependent on enabling legislation enacted in the 2022 legislative session.

Subd. 3. Advisory group. Requires creation of an advisory group to perform the work zone assessment and advise on pilot program development.

Subd. 4. Work zone speed management assessment. Sets requirements for an assessment of work zone speed management practices and recommendations. Makes it due by July 1, 2021.

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| | <p>Subd. 5. Implementation plan. Directs the departments to create an implementation plan for the pilot program and specifies plan components. Makes it due by November 1, 2021.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Evaluation. Provides for independent evaluation of the pilot program and its impacts, and specifies evaluation contents.</p> <p>Subd. 7. Expiration. Has the pilot program expire December 31, 2026.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Work zone safety pilot program; appropriation. Appropriates \$20,000 from the trunk highway fund in fiscal year 2021 for work zone safety pilot program development.</p> |



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