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Overview

This bill prohibits using a cell phone while in a construction zone, for both handheld and hands free modes.

Section

- **Definitions.** Defines "work zone" in a section of statutes on use of electronic devices while driving, to identify construction or maintenance work by a road authority (such as MnDOT, counties, and cities) along with at least one of some other conditions, such as a temporary work zone speed limit or lane closure.
- **Prohibitions on use; work zones.** Prohibits using a cell phone while operating a vehicle in a work zone, both in handheld and hands free modes. The provision is effective August 1, 2014.