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Overview

This bill amends traffic regulations in work zones, to (1) authorize peace officers to issue citations for a four-hour period following an incident where a driver violates the instructions of a work zone flagger, and (2) broaden a wireless communications device ban to cover all uses of the device in a work zone, including making phone calls.

Section

- Obedience to work zone flagger; violation, penalty. Authorizes a peace officer to issue a citation to drivers who violate stopping or flagger instruction requirements in a work zone. Establishes that an officer has probable cause for a traffic stop within a four-hour period immediately after the incident, if the work zone flagger reports the violation within that time period and provides a vehicle description (including the license plate number).
- **Exceptions.** Amends a ban on use of wireless communications devices to prohibit all device use in a work zone (including making cell phone calls and using the device for non-communication purposes).