

Subject Work zone safety
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Overview

This bill relates to work zone safety and distracted driving. Among its provisions, it:

- directs the Department of Public Safety to (1) modify administrative rules on driver's education to include information on laws, penalties, and dangers related to distracted driving as well as driving in work zones; (2) include safe driving information in future revisions to the driver's manual; and (3) include safe driving as a topic in the written exam administered as part of driver licensing;
- establishes a work zone safety pilot program; and
- makes appropriations from the general fund for the pilot program and for an educational and awareness campaign.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Driver education; safe driving practices.</p> <p>Directs the Department of Public Safety to modify administrative rules on driver's education to include information on laws, penalties, and dangers related to both distracted driving and operation in a work zone.</p> <p>The change to administrative rules must be made by June 30, 2020. The department can use the expedited rulemaking process (which involves some of the same notice and comment steps as customary rulemaking, but there is not an opportunity for public hearing).</p>
2	<p>Safe driving practices.</p> <p>Directs the Department of Public Safety to include safe driving information in future revisions to the driver's manual.</p>
3	<p>Examination subjects and locations; provisions for color blindness, disabled veterans.</p> <p>Directs the Department of Public Safety to include safe driving as a topic in the written exam administered as part of driver licensing. Effective July 1, 2020.</p>

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4	<p data-bbox="355 275 748 302">Work zone safety pilot program.</p> <p data-bbox="355 317 1406 485">Establishes a pilot program for enforcement of traffic laws in work zones, which includes use of automated enforcement systems to detect speeding under specified conditions, citation issuance by peace officers based on images record by automated systems, creation of an advisory committee, independent evaluation of pilot program results, and data practices provisions.</p> <p data-bbox="453 527 878 554">Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms.</p> <p data-bbox="453 596 1422 695">Subd. 2. Pilot program established. Directs the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to create the pilot program. Requires field operations to begin by May 1, 2020, and end by November 1, 2021.</p> <p data-bbox="453 737 1377 835">Subd. 3. Automated enforcement; general requirements. Establishes various requirements governing use of automated speed enforcement systems in the pilot program.</p> <p data-bbox="453 877 1419 1045">Subd. 4. Enforcement requirements. Sets limitations on speeding enforcement using an automated system, including citations only for speeds that are 10 m.p.h. or more over the limit, warnings without citations for the first 30 days at an automated enforcement site, and inspection of recorded images by a peace officer prior to citation issuance.</p> <p data-bbox="453 1087 1414 1186">Subd. 5. Violations; penalty. Makes it a petty misdemeanor for the owner of a vehicle that violates a work zone speed limit as detected by an automated enforcement system. Identifies circumstances where the penalty does not apply.</p> <p data-bbox="453 1228 1425 1327">Subd. 6. Direct enforcement in short-term work zones. Requires speed enforcement in additional short-term work zones where automated enforcement is not in place, located throughout the MnDOT districts.</p> <p data-bbox="453 1369 1422 1425">Subd. 7. Contracts. Allows for a vendor to administer the pilot program. Prohibits compensation based on citation issuances.</p> <p data-bbox="453 1467 1422 1524">Subd. 8. Advisory committee. Directs MnDOT to establish an advisory committee on pilot program design and implementation. Specifies minimum membership.</p> <p data-bbox="453 1566 1425 1665">Subd. 9. Evaluation. Requires an independent evaluation of pilot program results. A copy of the evaluation must be submitted to the legislature by March 1, 2022.</p> <p data-bbox="453 1707 1419 1837">Subd. 10. Data practices. Establishes data practices requirements, including classifying automated speed enforcement data as private data on individuals and requiring destruction of automated enforcement data within 24 hours of collection (with exceptions).</p>

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	<p>Subd. 11. Expiration. Makes the pilot program expire June 30, 2022.</p>
5	<p>Appropriations. Makes appropriations.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Work zone safety pilot program. Appropriates an amount to be determined from the general fund in fiscal year 2020 to MnDOT for the work zone safety pilot program.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Safe driving education campaign. Appropriates \$1 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2020 to MnDOT for an educational and awareness campaign on safe driving in work zones.</p>



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