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Introduced 2/4/2015, by Rep. Joe Sosnowski

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-605.1

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a court appearance is not required for violating the speed limit in a construction zone.

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AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
Section 11-605.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-605.1)

Sec. 11-605.1. Special limit while traveling through a
highway construction or maintenance speed zone.

9 (a) A person may not operate a motor vehicle in a 10 construction or maintenance speed zone at a speed in excess of 11 the posted speed limit when workers are present.

12 (a-5) A person may not operate a motor vehicle in a 13 construction or maintenance speed zone at a speed in excess of 14 the posted speed limit when workers are not present.

(b) Nothing in this Chapter prohibits the use of electronic 15 16 speed-detecting devices within 500 feet of signs within a 17 construction or maintenance speed zone indicating the zone, as defined in this Section, nor shall evidence obtained by use of 18 19 those devices be inadmissible in any prosecution for speeding, provided the use of the device shall apply only to the 20 21 enforcement of the speed limit in the construction or 22 maintenance speed zone.

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(c) As used in this Section, a "construction or maintenance

speed zone" is an area in which the Department, Toll Highway 1 2 Authority, or local agency has posted signage advising drivers 3 that a construction or maintenance speed zone is being approached, or in which the Department, Authority, or local 4 5 agency has posted a lower speed limit with a highway 6 construction or maintenance speed zone special speed limit sign 7 after determining that the preexisting established speed limit 8 through a highway construction or maintenance project is 9 greater than is reasonable or safe with respect to the 10 conditions expected to exist in the construction or maintenance 11 speed zone.

12 If it is determined that the preexisting established speed 13 limit is safe with respect to the conditions expected to exist 14 in the construction or maintenance speed zone, additional speed 15 limit signs which conform to the requirements of this 16 subsection (c) shall be posted.

Highway construction or maintenance speed zone special speed limit signs shall be of a design approved by the Department. The signs must give proper due warning that a construction or maintenance speed zone is being approached and must indicate the maximum speed limit in effect. The signs also must state the amount of the minimum fine for a violation.

(d) A first violation of this Section is a petty offense
with a minimum fine of \$250. A second or subsequent violation
of this Section is a petty offense with a minimum fine of \$750.
(e) If a fine for a violation of this Section is \$250 or

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greater, the person who violated this Section shall be charged 1 2 additional \$125, which shall be deposited into the an 3 Transportation Safety Highway Hire-back Fund in the State treasury, unless (i) the violation occurred on a highway other 4 5 than an interstate highway and (ii) a county police officer 6 wrote the ticket for the violation, in which case the \$125 7 shall be deposited into that county's Transportation Safety 8 Highway Hire-back Fund. In the case of a second or subsequent 9 violation of this Section, if the fine is \$750 or greater, the 10 person who violated this Section shall be charged an additional 11 \$250, which shall be deposited into the Transportation Safety 12 Highway Hire-back Fund in the State treasury, unless (i) the 13 violation occurred on a highway other than an interstate highway and (ii) a county police officer wrote the ticket for 14 15 the violation, in which case the \$250 shall be deposited into 16 that county's Transportation Safety Highway Hire-back Fund.

17 (e-5) The Department of State Police and the local county 18 police department have concurrent jurisdiction over any 19 violation of this Section that occurs on an interstate highway.

20 (f) The Transportation Safety Highway Hire-back Fund, which was created by Public Act 92-619, shall continue to be a 21 22 special fund in the State treasury. Subject to appropriation by 23 the General Assembly and approval by the Secretary, the Secretary of Transportation shall use all moneys in the 24 25 Transportation Safety Highway Hire-back Fund to hire off-duty Department of State Police officers to monitor construction or 26

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1 maintenance zones.

2 (f-5) Each county shall create a Transportation Safety 3 Highway Hire-back Fund. The county shall use all moneys in its 4 Transportation Safety Highway Hire-back Fund to hire off-duty 5 county police officers to monitor construction or maintenance 6 zones in that county on highways other than interstate 7 highways.

(g) For a second or subsequent violation of this Section 8 9 within 2 years of the date of the previous violation, the 10 Secretary of State shall suspend the driver's license of the 11 violator for a period of 90 days. This suspension shall only be 12 imposed if the current violation of this Section and at least 13 one prior violation of this Section occurred during a period when workers were present in the construction or maintenance 14 zone. 15

16 (h) A violation of this Section does not require a court 17 appearance.

18 (Source: P.A. 97-830, eff. 1-1-13; 98-337, eff. 1-1-14.)

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