

House Bill 160

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-188 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 highway work zones, so as to change certain requirements with respect to required signage;  
3 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 40-6-188 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highway work  
7 zones, is amended by striking subsections (b) and (c) and inserting in their place new  
8 subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

9 "(b)(1) The Department of Transportation, any county, or any municipality may  
10 designate any segment of a highway, road, or street under its jurisdiction as a highway  
11 work zone.

12 (2) Whenever a highway work zone is designated pursuant to paragraph (1) of this  
13 subsection, there shall be erected or posted signage of adequate size at the beginning  
14 point of such highway work zone designating the zone and warning the traveling public  
15 that increased penalties for speeding violations are in effect for the highway work zone,  
16 and there shall be erected or posted at the end of such highway work zone adequate  
17 signage of a suitable color that is readily distinguishable from the color of the signage  
18 marking the beginning point of such work zone indicating the end of such zone and that  
19 increased penalties for speeding violations are no longer in effect.

20 (c)(1) The Department of Transportation or the governing authority of any county or  
21 municipal corporation is authorized to establish a temporary reduction in the maximum  
22 speed limit through any highway work zone located on or adjacent to any street or  
23 highway under its respective jurisdiction. The commissioner of transportation or the local  
24 governing authority shall not be required to conduct any engineering and traffic  
25 investigation in order to establish a reduced speed limit in a highway work zone pursuant  
26 to this paragraph.

1 (2) Whenever reduced speed zones are established pursuant to paragraph (1) of this  
2 subsection, there shall be erected or posted signage of adequate size at the beginning  
3 point of such speed zone designating the zone and the speed limit to be observed therein,  
4 and there shall be erected or posted at the end of such speed zone adequate signage of a  
5 suitable color that is readily distinguishable from the color of the signage marking the  
6 beginning point of such work zone indicating the end of such speed zone, which signage  
7 shall also indicate such different speed limit as may then be observed. Signs indicating  
8 such reduced speed limit shall be spaced not further than one mile apart throughout the  
9 highway work zone. Where the speed limit established pursuant to paragraph (1) of this  
10 subsection is at least ten miles per hour less than the established speed limit on the street  
11 or highway, there shall be erected at least 600 feet in advance of the beginning of the  
12 speed zone a sign of adequate size which shall bear the legend 'Reduced Speed Ahead.'  
13 Whenever any signage is required by this paragraph, the same shall be in addition to the  
14 signage requirements of paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.