



# HOUSE BILL 136: Speed Limit/Highway Work Zone

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**Committee:** Senate Transportation  
**Introduced by:** Rep. Stevens  
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**SUMMARY:** *House Bill 136 would direct the Department of Transportation to study the penalties imposed for speeding in a highway work zone.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under current law, a person who speeds in a posted highway work zone is subject to the regular penalty for speeding (an infraction, penalty up to \$100, G.S. 20-176), plus an additional penalty of \$250. As introduced, House Bill 136 would have limited imposition of the additional \$250 penalty for speeding in a highway work zone to violations that occur when workers are present and work is actively in progress at the time of the violation.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 136 would direct the Department of Transportation to study the penalties imposed for speeding in a highway work zone and consider what statutory revisions may be needed to balance the safety of workers with the efficient movement of traffic.

The Department would be required to report its findings to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by December 31, 2015.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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