



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 358**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5274

*House of Representatives, April 5, 2007*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. FELTMAN of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING SAFETY ON MUNICIPAL ROADS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-212a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) The Superior Court shall impose an additional fee equivalent to  
4 one hundred per cent of the fine established or imposed for the  
5 violation of the provisions of section 14-213, 14-213b, 14-214, 14-215,  
6 14-216, 14-218a, 14-219, 14-220, 14-221, 14-222, 14-222a, 14-223, 14-224,  
7 14-225, 14-227a, 14-230, 14-230a, 14-231, 14-232, 14-233, 14-235, 14-236,  
8 14-237, 14-238, 14-238a, 14-239, 14-240, 14-240a, 14-241, 14-242, 14-243,  
9 14-244, 14-245, 14-246a, 14-247, 14-247a, 14-248a, 14-249, 14-250, 14-  
10 250a, 14-257, 14-261, 14-266, 14-271, 14-273, 14-279, 14-281a, subsection  
11 (e) or (g) of section 14-283, section 14-289a or 14-289b for any such  
12 violation committed while construction work is ongoing within a  
13 highway construction zone designated in a conspicuous manner by the  
14 Department of Transportation, while construction work is ongoing

15 within a construction zone on a local highway, as defined in subsection  
 16 (a) of section 14-212b, designated in a conspicuous manner by such  
 17 town, city or borough or while utility work is ongoing within a utility  
 18 work zone designated in a conspicuous manner by a public service  
 19 company, as defined in section 16-1, or by a water company, as defined  
 20 in section 25-32a.

21 (b) (1) The Department of Transportation shall post a sign at the  
 22 beginning of a highway construction zone which shall read as follows:  
 23 "ROAD WORK AHEAD FINES DOUBLED", and at the end of such  
 24 zone which shall read as follows: "END ROAD WORK".

25 (2) A town, city or borough shall post a sign at the beginning of a  
 26 local highway construction zone which shall read as follows: "ROAD  
 27 WORK AHEAD FINES DOUBLED", and at the end of such zone which  
 28 shall read as follows: "END ROAD WORK".

29 [(2)] (3) A public service company or water company shall post a  
 30 sign at the beginning of a utility work zone which shall read as  
 31 follows: "UTILITY WORK AHEAD FINES DOUBLED", and at the end  
 32 of such zone which shall read as follows: "END UTILITY WORK".

33 (c) The state or any agency or employee of the state shall not be  
 34 civilly liable for any injuries or damages to any person or property  
 35 which may result, either directly or indirectly, from failure on the part  
 36 of the Department of Transportation to post any sign required under  
 37 subsection (b) of this section.

38 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) No municipality shall  
 39 require the employment of a police officer to supervise traffic at  
 40 construction projects on local roads.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	14-212a
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section

<b>TRA</b>	<i>Joint Favorable C/R</i>	PD
<b>PD</b>	<i>Joint Favorable Subst.</i>	

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Judicial Dept.	TF - Revenue Gain	Less than 100,000	Less than 100,000

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

Any revenue gain from additional fees imposed in accordance with the bill is estimated to be less than \$100,000 annually, and would be deposited into the Transportation Fund.

**The Out Years**

The Transportation Fund revenue gain under the bill would remain relatively constant in the out years since the surcharge amounts are set by statute.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING SAFETY ON MUNICIPAL ROADS.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill (1) prohibits a municipality from requiring employment of a police officer to supervise traffic at construction projects on local roads and (2) requires fines to be doubled for certain traffic violations that occur in a conspicuously designated construction zone on a municipal road.

Currently, fines for certain traffic violations must be doubled if the violation occurs in (1) a construction zone on a state highway that has been designated in a conspicuous manner according to the law and (2) a utility work zone designated in a conspicuous manner by a public service or water company. This bill extends the same requirement for doubling these fines if they occur in construction zones on municipal roads. Revenue from all of the fines is deposited in the Special Transportation Fund. As is the case for state highway construction zones, the municipality must designate the zone with a sign at the beginning that reads "ROAD WORK AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" and another at the end of the construction zone saying "END ROAD WORK."

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007 for the fine-doubling provision and October 1, 2008 for the prohibition on requiring a police officer to supervise traffic on local highway construction projects.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 34 Nay 0 (03/14/2007)

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/23/2007)