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HB 6454 AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE STATION WORK ZONES

This proposal would allow a section of road in front of a fire station to be designated as a work zone while a uniformed firefighter is directing traffic. The section of road would be designated by the Department of Transportation signage, and would allow additional fines to be imposed on motor vehicle operators that violate the work zone speed and traffic direction.

Many fire stations are located along busy roads. As a result, firefighters' safety is often vulnerable when fire apparatus backs into their stations, and passing vehicles do not properly yield. HB 6454 would enhance firefighter protection as they direct traffic while fire apparatus properly returns to local stations.

CCM urges the Committee to **favorably report** HB 6454.



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