

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 499

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:57(A)(1), (H), and (I) and to enact R.S. 32:57(J), relative to
3 traffic offenses occurring in construction zones and utility work safety zones; to
4 provide specific monetary penalties for exceeding the speed limit or breaching a
5 construction zone or work safety zone when employees are present; to provide for
6 specific monetary and confinement penalties if motor vehicle violations occur in a
7 highway safety corridor; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 32:57(A)(1), (H), and (I) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
11 32:57(J) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §57. Penalties; alternatives to citation

13 A.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection and Subsections
14 H and I of this Section, the first violation of the provisions of this Chapter or any
15 regulation of the department, secretary, and commissioner made pursuant thereto
16 shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred seventy-five dollars or by
17 imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both, unless otherwise specifically
18 provided. A subsequent violation shall be punished by a fine of not more than five
19 hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or both.

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21 H. If a person operating a motor vehicle exceeds the speed limit or breaches
22 a construction zone or utility work safety zone on the portion of a highway or road

1 which is under active construction or maintenance and construction or utility workers
 2 are on site, or which is in the process of being repaired and construction or utility
 3 workers are on site, the fine shall be ~~twice the standard fine imposed~~ not less than
 4 five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars.

5 I. If a person operating a motor vehicle violates the provisions of this
 6 Chapter while on the portion of a highway which is designated as a highway safety
 7 corridor pursuant to R.S. 32:267, the fine shall be ~~twice the standard fine imposed~~
 8 not less than seven hundred fifty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or
 9 imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both, unless otherwise specifically
 10 provided.

11 J. For purposes of Subsections H and I of this Section, the following words
 12 shall have the following meanings:

13 (1) "Construction zone" shall mean an area of a highway with construction,
 14 maintenance, or utility work activities marked by temporary traffic control devices
 15 consisting of signs, channelizing devices, barriers, pavement markings, and work
 16 vehicles.

17 (2) "Utility work safety zone" shall mean an area where utility companies
 18 are actively performing work such as digging, installing, or repairing underground
 19 or overhead utilities marked by temporary traffic control signs.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____