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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Establishes specific penalties for persons exceeding the speed limit or breaching construction zones and utility work safety zones.

Present law specifies that except as provided in present law, the first violation of the provisions of present law or any regulation of the dept. is punishable by a fine of not more than \$175 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both, unless otherwise specifically provided. Further, specifies that a subsequent violation is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

Proposed law provides for an exception to present law, and excludes the standard imposed fine from applying to persons operating a vehicle and exceeding the speed limit or breaching a construction zone or utility safety zone on portions of the highway or road under active construction or maintenance and construction or utility workers are onsite.

Present law specifies that if a person operating a motor vehicle exceeds the speed limit on the portion of a highway under active construction and construction workers are on site or in the process of being repaired and construction workers are on site the fine is double the standard fine imposed.

Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that if a person operating a motor vehicle exceeds the speed limit or breaches a construction zone or utility safety zone on the portion of a highway or road under active construction or maintenance, and construction or utility workers are on site, or in the process of being repaired, and construction or utility workers are on site, and changes the fine imposed from double the standard fine to not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,000.

Present law specifies that if a person operates a motor vehicle and violates the provisions of present law while on the portion of a highway which is designated as a highway safety corridor pursuant to present law, the fine will be double the standard fine imposed.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the fine imposed from double the standard fine to not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000, or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both, unless otherwise specifically provided.

(Amends R.S. 32:57(A)(1), (H), and (I); Adds R.S. 32:57(J))