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By: **Senators Jacobs, Hooper, and Collins**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Highway Work Zones - Reducing Speed Limits - Counties**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county or Baltimore City to designate an area as a  
4 highway work zone and reduce the established speed limits in a highway work  
5 zone under certain circumstances; and generally relating to reducing speed  
6 limits in highway work zones.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Transportation  
9 Section 21-802.1  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Transportation**

15 21-802.1.

16 (a) In this section, "highway work zone" means a construction or maintenance  
17 area on or alongside a highway that is marked by appropriate warning signs or other  
18 traffic control devices designating that work is in progress.

19 (b) (1) The State Highway Administration may reduce established speed  
20 limits in a highway work zone upon a determination that the change is necessary to  
21 ensure the public safety.

22 (2) A COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY MAY:

23 (I) DESIGNATE AN AREA AS A HIGHWAY WORK ZONE;

24 (II) REDUCE ESTABLISHED SPEED LIMITS IN A HIGHWAY WORK  
25 ZONE AFTER A DETERMINATION THAT THE CHANGE IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE  
26 PUBLIC SAFETY.

1 (c) A speed limit established under this section shall become effective when  
2 posted.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 1999.