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By: **Senators Jacobs, Hooper, and Collins**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Highway Work Zones - Reducing Speed Limits - ~~Counties~~ County and**  
3 **Municipal Authority**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county, municipal corporation, or Baltimore City to  
5 designate an area as a highway work zone and reduce the established speed  
6 limits in a highway work zone under certain circumstances; and generally  
7 relating to ~~reducing the authority of local governments to reduce~~ speed limits in  
8 highway work zones on certain highways.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article - Transportation  
11 Section 1-101(a) and (e)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article - Transportation  
16 Section 21-802.1  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Transportation**2 1-101.3 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.4 (e) "County" means a county of this State and Baltimore City.

5 21-802.1.

6 (a) In this section, "highway work zone" means a construction or maintenance  
7 area on or alongside a highway that is marked by appropriate warning signs or other  
8 traffic control devices designating that work is in progress.9 (b) (1) The State Highway Administration may reduce established speed  
10 limits in a highway work zone upon a determination that the change is necessary to  
11 ensure the public safety.12 (2) ~~A COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY MAY:~~13 (I) DESIGNATE AN AREA ON A COUNTY HIGHWAY OR A HIGHWAY  
14 ON WHICH THE COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO DO WORK PURSUANT TO A  
15 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AS A HIGHWAY WORK ZONE; AND16 (II) REDUCE ESTABLISHED SPEED LIMITS IN ~~A~~ THE HIGHWAY  
17 WORK ZONE AFTER A DETERMINATION THAT THE CHANGE IS NECESSARY TO  
18 ENSURE THE PUBLIC SAFETY.19 (3) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY:20 (I) DESIGNATE AN AREA ON A MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY OR A  
21 HIGHWAY ON WHICH THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IS AUTHORIZED TO DO WORK  
22 PURSUANT TO A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AS A HIGHWAY WORK ZONE; AND23 (II) REDUCE ESTABLISHED SPEED LIMITS IN THE HIGHWAY WORK  
24 ZONE AFTER A DETERMINATION THAT THE CHANGE IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE  
25 PUBLIC SAFETY.26 (c) A speed limit established under this section shall become effective when  
27 posted.28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 1999.

