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Senate Bill 197 (Senator Jacobs. *et al.*)

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**Highway Work Zones - Reducing Speed Limits - County and Municipal Authority**

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This bill allows a county or municipal corporation to designate an area on a county or municipal highway or a highway on which the county or municipality is authorized to do work as a highway work zone. A county or municipal corporation may reduce the established speed limits in such designated zones if necessary to ensure the public safety.

Under current law, the State Highway Administration regulates speed limits in highway work zones. Any person convicted of exceeding the speed limit within a highway work zone is subject to a fine up to \$1,000.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal effect on revenues. The bill's provisions are not expected to significantly increase the number of persons convicted in District Court for exceeding the speed limit in a highway work zone. No effect on expenditures.

**Local Effect:** None. The establishment of highway work zones and the regulation of speed limits within those zones could be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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