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H.B. No. 606

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the punishment for traffic offenses committed in a
3 construction or maintenance work zone.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter O, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 521.352 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 521.352. SUSPENSION FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES IN
8 CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE WORK ZONE. (a) A person's driver's
9 license is automatically suspended on final conviction of an
10 offense under Subtitle C if it is shown at trial that:

11 (1) the offense is committed in a construction or
12 maintenance work zone when workers are present and any written
13 notice to appear issued for the offense states on its face that
14 workers were present when the offense was committed; and

15 (2) within the preceding five years of the date on
16 which the offense was committed, the person has been convicted two
17 or more times of an offense under Subtitle C that was committed in a
18 construction or maintenance work zone.

19 (b) The period of suspension shall be for the period set by
20 the court of not less than 30 days or more than 90 days. If the
21 court does not set the period, the department shall suspend the
22 license for 90 days.

23 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
24 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
2 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
3 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
4 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
5 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
6 before that date.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.