1   AN ACT

2   relating to the amount of a fine for certain traffic offenses

3   committed in a construction or maintenance work zone.

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

5   SECTION 1. Section 542.404, Transportation Code, is amended

6   by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as

7   follows:

8   (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), if [If] an offense

9   under this subtitle, other than an offense under Chapter 548 or 552

10 or Section 545.412 or 545.413, is committed in a construction or

11 maintenance work zone when workers are present and any written

12 notice to appear issued for the offense states on its face that

13 workers were present when the offense was committed:

14   (1) the minimum fine applicable to the offense is

15 twice the minimum fine that would be applicable to the offense if it

16 were committed outside a construction or maintenance work zone; and

17   (2) the maximum fine applicable to the offense is

18 twice the maximum fine that would be applicable to the offense if it

19 were committed outside a construction or maintenance work zone.

20   (c) The fine prescribed by Subsection (a) applies to a

21 violation of a prima facie speed limit authorized by Subchapter H,

22 Chapter 545, only if the construction or maintenance work zone is

23 marked by a sign indicating the applicable maximum lawful speed.

24   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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     President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

     I certify that H.B. No. 1097 was passed by the House on April 3, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1097 on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 3, 3 present, not voting.

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                                  Chief Clerk of the House

     I certify that H.B. No. 1097 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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                                 Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
                Date

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           Governor