

BILL ANALYSIS

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BACKGROUND

Interested parties express concern that there is confusion as to the appropriate speed limit following the end of construction or maintenance work zones on the Texas state highway system. At the beginning of a construction or maintenance work zone, there is a “work zone” sign and speed limit sign that specifies the speed limit for driving through the construction or maintenance work zone. The use of this particular signage gives appropriate notice of speed limitations to motorists that travel on the state highway system. Often at the end of the construction or maintenance work zone, where signs say "end work zone," there is no speed limit sign that notifies the driver to which speed they may resume.

PURPOSE

H.B. 339 modifies Section 545.364, Transportation Code, and directs that a speed limit sign, denoting the appropriate speed limit, be placed at the end of construction and maintenance work zones of the state highway system.

H.B. 339 amends current law relating to the placement of speed limit signs at the end of construction or maintenance work zones.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter H, Chapter 545, Transportation Code, by adding Section 545.364, as follows:

Sec. 545.364. SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AFTER CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE WORK ZONE. (a) Defines "construction or maintenance work zone" for purposes of this section.

(b) Requires an entity that sets a lower speed limit on a road or highway in the state highway system for a construction or maintenance work zone to place or require to be placed a sign at the end of the zone that indicates the speed limit after the zone ends.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.