

TESTIMONY OF  
**Sergeant Jenna Clawson Huibregtse**

Chairman Clemens and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, my name is Jenna Clawson Huibregtse, and I am a Sergeant with the North Dakota Highway Patrol. My duties include being the Safety and Education officer for the agency. Thank you for the opportunity to provide neutral testimony regarding the proposed changes to the fines for speeding violations in highway construction zones and the proposed striking of “while workers are present.”

The safety of workers in construction zones is paramount. Every year, workers are put at risk by speeding and distracted drivers who fail to recognize the dangers in these areas. The purpose of enhanced penalties in construction zones is to encourage compliance with posted speed limits, ensuring the safety of both workers and the motoring public. Money collected from citations goes into the Common Schools Trust Fund and not to the agency.

As written, the bill stipulates that the increased fine structure would always apply versus only when workers are present. Construction zones are dynamic environments and present challenges when they can change overnight. The Highway Patrol currently works construction zones when and where workers are present during construction season. There is extra emphasis on these zones via overtime programs specifically for construction zones. When we work these areas, we work in the zone and near workers to help keep them safe. When workers are not on site, we do not direct troopers to enforce in these areas and that would remain the same with this change.

ND Motor Vehicle Crashes in Work Zones by Crash Severity 2023-2024*			
Crashes only Responded to by All Law Enforcement Agencies			
	2023	2024	
O - No Apparent Injury	205	171	376
K - Fatal Injury	0	0	0
A - Suspected Serious Injury	7	6	13
B - Suspected Minor Injury	44	27	71
C - Possible Injury	34	29	63
Total	290	233	523

Source: TraCS and CRS Data, January 2025

\* 2024 Data is Preliminary

The North Dakota Highway Patrol's enforcement efforts in construction zones are aimed at protecting lives. Excessive speed and distracted driving in construction zones create hazards for all road users and workers, and enforcement is necessary to deter reckless behavior.

This concludes my testimony, and I am happy to answer any questions.

**Classification of Offenses – Effective August 1, 2023**

PT	BOND/FEE	SECTION	OFFENSE	VIOLATION
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**FEE AND POINT SCHEDULE FOR SPEEDING**

Speed (mph)	Speed Zones 55 or less	Speed Zones greater than 55 but less than 70 mph	PT
	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	
1–5 mph over limit	\$5	\$2/each mph over limit	0
6–10 mph over limit	\$5+ \$1/each mph over 5 mph over limit	\$2/each mph over limit	0
11–15 mph over limit	\$10+ \$1/each mph over 10 mph over limit	\$20+ \$5/each mph over 10 mph over limit	1
16–20 mph over limit	\$15+ \$2/each mph over 15 mph over limit	\$45+ \$5/each mph over 15 mph over limit	3
21–25 mph over limit	\$25+ \$3/each mph over 20 mph over limit	\$70+ \$5/each mph over 20 mph over limit	5
26–35 mph over limit	\$40+ \$3/each mph over 25 mph over limit	\$95+ \$5/each mph over 25 mph over limit	9
36–45 mph over limit	\$70+ \$3/each mph over 35 mph over limit	\$145+ \$5/each mph over 35 mph over limit	12
46+ mph over limit	\$100+ \$5/each mph over 45 mph over limit	\$195+ \$5/each mph over 45 mph over limit	15

**FEES AND POINTS FOR SPEEDING IN SCHOOL ZONES**

20 Zone	Fee	Pts
21-30	\$40	0
31	\$41	1
32	\$42	1
33	\$43	1
34	\$44	1
35	\$45	1
36	\$46	3
37	\$47	3
38	\$48	3

20 Zone	Fee	Pts
39	\$49	3
40	\$50	3
41	\$51	5
42	\$52	5
43	\$53	5
44	\$54	5
45	\$55	5
46	\$56	9
47	\$57	9

20 Zone	Fee	Pts
48	\$58	9
49	\$59	9
50	\$60	9
51	\$61	9
52	\$62	9
53*	\$63	9

\*Regular fee becomes greater

**School Zone Criteria:** During recess; during opening and closing hours of the school

**Fees:** 1-10 mph over - \$40; 11 mph and higher - \$40 plus \$1 for each mph over 10 mph over the limit – unless a greater fee is applicable

**FEES AND POINTS FOR SPEEDING IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES**

35 Zone	55 Zone	60 Zone	Fee	Pts
36-45	56-65	61-70	\$80	0
46	66	71	\$82	1
47	67	72	\$84	1
48	68	73	\$86	1
49	69	74	\$88	1
50	70	75	\$90	1
51	71	76	\$92	3
52	72	77	\$94	3
53	73	78	\$96	3
54	74	79	\$98	3
55	75	80	\$100	3
56	76	81	\$102	5
57	77	82	\$104	5

35 Zone	55 Zone	60 Zone	Fee	Pts
58	78	83	\$106	5
59	79	84	\$108	5
60	80	85	\$110	5
61	81	86	\$112	9
62	82	87	\$114	9
63	83	88	\$116	9
64	84	89	\$118	9
65	85	90	\$120	9
66	86	91	\$122	9
67	87	92	\$124	9
68	88	93	\$126	9
69	89	94	\$128	9

**Construction Zone Criteria:** 1) Must be signed "Minimum Fee \$80" 2) Construction workers must be present at the time and place of the violation

**Fees:** 1-10 mph over—\$80; 11 mph and higher—\$80 plus \$2 for each mph over 10 mph over the limit