

**Virginia Department Of Transportation**  
**2012 Fiscal Impact Statement (Regular Session)**

**1. Bill Number: HB 72 Enr 1**

**House of Origin** ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

**Second House** ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

**2. Patron: Bell, R.**

**3. Committee: Passed House and Senate**

**4. Title: Highway work zones; required to be marked with warning signs with attached flashing lights.**

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

This bill would amend section 46.2-878.1 of the Code of Virginia to require highway work zones where specific maximum speed limit has been established to be marked with warning signs "and, for projects covered by contracts entered into on or after July 1, 2012, with attached flashing lights" or other traffic control devices indicating that work is in progress.

**6. Fiscal Impacts are Final**

**7. Budget amendment necessary: NO**

**8. Fiscal implications:** Based on current VDOT work zone traffic control standards, VDOT estimates that of approximately 3,000 annual work zones under VDOT's oversight, approximately 115 work zones may require specifically established maximum speed limit and associated signage with flashing lights or other traffic control devices to indicate work is in progress.

VDOT anticipates that compliance with this bill could be achieved with the addition of flashing lights to existing signs currently required in the VDOT work zone standards. The revised cost impact estimate is approximately \$160,000 annually statewide, based on \$700/per sign retrofit, with two signs per work zone (one in each direction) at 115 work zones.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Police, DMV, local government law enforcement, local agencies and VDOT

**10. Technical amendment necessary: NO**

**11. Other comments: NO**

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cc: Secretary of Transportation