



S.F. No. 1903 – Work zone safety and work zone driving rules required subjects in driver’s education and driver examinations

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S.F. 1903 requires work zone safety and work zone safety driving rules to be taught as driver education and driver’s examination subjects.

Section 1 adds a definition of “work zone” to the chapter of law governing driver’s education and licensing.

Section 2 requires the commissioner of public safety to conduct rulemaking to add work zone safety and construction worker safety as subjects to be taught by a driver’s education program at public schools, private schools, or commercial driver training schools. Specifies the instructional contents.

Section 3 requires the commissioner of public safety to update the driver’s manual to include a section on work zone safety and road construction worker safety, including traffic laws in work zones, speed limits in a work zone and the potential statutory surcharge that may be assessed, the dangers of distracted driving in a work zone, and information on lane merger benefits and best practices in a work zone with specific information on the ‘zipper’ merge.

Section 4 requires the commissioner of public safety to include work zone and road construction worker safety as one of the required tested subjects for a driver’s license examination.

Section 5 appropriates an unspecified sum from the driver and vehicle services operating account.

