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Talking Points- HB 4225

Summary:

House Bill 4225, introduced by Rep. Ebli (D- Monroe), would re-instate language removed last session referring to signage requirements for Andy's Law.

CRAM position:

CRAM opposes this legislation.

What is Andy's Law?

Public Act 103 of 2001, known as "Andy's Law," created penalties of up to one year in prison for injuring and up to 15 years in prison for killing a highway construction or maintenance worker. It also imposes a maximum penalty of \$7,500. The law is named for Andrew Lefko, a 19-year-old who was left paralyzed after being hit while working on I-275 in Metro Detroit.

Public Act 315 of 2003 added a requirement to Andy's Law that work zones be marked with "Work Zone Begins" and "End Road Work" signs. "Begin Work Convoy" and "End Work Convoy" signs were to be used for mobile crews traveling along roads as workers paint lane lines or patch potholes. Speed limit signs were also required in work zones marked with "Work Zone Begins" signs.

Public Act 296 of 2008 deleted the requirement for the State Transportation Department or a road authority to place at work zones signs notifying vehicle operators of the increased fines and penalties provided in the Code for the protection and safety of construction workers. This provision was removed because the individuals being injured in work zones were quite often injured while installing or removing signage.

Talking Points:

- In the last legislative session, legislation was signed into law, removing the requirement to post signs. CRAM supported that legislation as the majority of accidents and fatalities in work zones actually involved the workers putting up these signs.