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SENATE BILL

No. 988

Introduced by Senator Migden

February 22, 2005

An act to add Sections ~~97~~ 97.01 and 97.1 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 988, as amended, Migden. Safety Awareness Zones: Golden Gate Bridge.

Existing law makes the Department of Transportation responsible for improving and maintaining the state highway system. Existing law does not provide for the designation of a specified segment of a highway as a Safety Awareness Zone.

This bill would designate the Golden Gate Bridge as a Safety Awareness Zone, upon the satisfaction of specified requirements that the bill would also establish for a designation of a highway segment as a Safety Awareness Zone. The bill would authorize a Safety Awareness Zone to be in effect for 3 years and would authorize renewal of a Safety Awareness Zone for an additional 3 years. The bill would require the approval of the Director of Transportation and the Commissioner of the Department of the California Highway Patrol for a 3-year renewal of the Safety Awareness Zone that is a state highway. The bill would require the Department of Transportation to develop and place signs to notify motorists of the presence of a Safety

Awareness Zone. The bill would enact related provisions applicable to the establishment of Safety Awareness Zones.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section ~~97~~97.01 is added to the Streets and
2 Highways Code, to read:

3 97.
4 97.01 The following segments are eligible for designation as
5 Safety Awareness Zones pursuant to Section 97.1:

6 (a) The Golden Gate Bridge.
7 SEC. 2. Section 97.1 is added to the Streets and Highways
8 Code, to read:

9 97.1. (a) A highway segment shall be designated as a Safety
10 Awareness Zone if the all the following conditions have been
11 met:

12 (1) The highway segment is eligible for designation under
13 Section ~~97~~ 97.01.

14 (2) Each local governing body or bodies, with jurisdiction over
15 the area or areas in which the eligible segment is located, has
16 adopted a resolution indicating its support for the designation as
17 well as a Safety Awareness Zone Plan addressing education,
18 enforcement, and engineering measures intended to support the
19 designation.

20 (3) If the highway segment is a state highway, the Safety
21 Awareness Zone Plan has been approved by the Director of
22 Transportation and the Commissioner of the Department of the
23 California Highway Patrol.

24 (b) A Safety Awareness Zone designation shall be deemed
25 effective immediately upon satisfaction of all requirements
26 pursuant to subdivision (a) and may remain in effect for a period
27 not to exceed three years from the effective date. The designation
28 may be renewed for a period not to exceed three years. Renewal
29 of a designation for a highway segment that is a state highway
30 shall require the approval by the Director of Transportation and
31 the Commissioner of the Department of the California Highway
32 Patrol of an updated Safety Awareness Zone Plan.

1 (c) The department shall develop a sign to notify motorists of
2 the presence of a Safety Awareness Zone, and shall place and
3 maintain the signs for as long as the designation is in effect
4 pursuant to this section.

5 (d) Presence of a Safety Awareness Zone does not increase the
6 civil liability of the state or local authority having jurisdiction
7 over the highway segment under Division 3.6 (commencing with
8 Section 810) of Title 1 of the Government Code or any other
9 provision of law relating to civil liability.

10 (e) Projects on a highway segment specified as a Safety
11 Awareness Zone shall not be elevated in priority for state funding
12 purposes.

13 (f) For purposes of this section, “highway” has the meaning
14 set forth in Section 360 of the Vehicle Code.