



Bill Draft 2017-MWz-21: Unanticipated Bridge/Road Closure/Waive Bids.

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OVERVIEW: *The proposed bill clarifies the definition of "emergency" with respect to the authority of the Department of Transportation to waive bidding requirements when an emergency exists.*

CURRENT LAW: The Secretary of the Department of Transportation may waive bidding requirements in Chapter 136 of the General Statutes in an emergency. However, there is no definition of "emergency" in the statute.

BILL ANALYSIS: The proposed bill does the following:

Clarifies the term "emergency" to include:

- An unanticipated bridge closure, road closure, or weight restriction that results in detours or deters the free movement of goods and services, and
- Requires an estimated expenditure of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or less in construction, maintenance, or repair costs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

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