Sec. 214.1. Purpose and application.

(a) This chapter is in response to the requirements of Act 229 of 2002 which added 75 Pa.C.S. § 6105.1 (relating to designation of highway safety corridors). Specifically, this chapter is designed to improve safety in targeted high crash locations by designating as highway safety corridors those areas where motorists are exposed to increased levels of enforcement and increased penalties for moving violations relating to unsafe driving behavior.

(b) The signs specified in this chapter are in addition to the traffic-control devices required by Department regulations and apply to public highways within this Commonwealth.

§ 214.2. Definitions.

The following phrase, when used in this chapter, has the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Highway safety corridor—The portion of a highway determined by a traffic study to be targeted for the application of signs, increased levels of enforcement and increased penalties specifically for the purpose of eliminating or reducing unsafe driver behaviors that are known to result in crashes and fatalities.

§ 214.3. Traffic and engineering investigation.

A segment of a highway may be designated as a highway safety corridor in which increased penalties will apply for violations identified in 75 Pa.C.S. § 3326(c) (relating to duty of driver in construction and maintenance areas or on highway safety corridors) if the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) A crash analysis of candidate locations indicates that, for the preceding 5 years, crashes related to targeted driving behaviors exceeds thresholds for the number of crashes or the rate of crashes for homogeneous roadways as determined by the Department.
(2) The corridor meets the geometric requirements needed to allow for safe patrolling by law enforcement officers as well as a safe area to stop violators for the issuance of a traffic citation or warning.

(3) The corridor has adequate space for the installation of the traffic signs specified in this chapter.

(4) There is a written commitment from the local and state law enforcement agencies responsible for highway patrol along the corridor to provide visible, sustained enforcement activity within the limits of the marked corridor.

§ 214.4. Traffic signs.

(a) Proper sign installations. Signs shall be installed as follows:

(1) Sign (W35-1), SAFETY CORRIDOR—FINES DOUBLED NEXT XX MILES, shall be installed as close as practical to the beginning of the highway safety corridor and after each interchange along the corridor.

(2) Sign (W35-2), END FINES DOUBLED CORRIDOR, shall be installed immediately at the end of each highway safety corridor.

(b) Sign standards. Signs W35-1 and W35-2 shall be manufactured in accordance with the standards set forth in Appendix A for these signs.

§ 214.5. Questions.

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SAFETY CORRIDOR FINES DOUBLED SIGN

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