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A BILL

To enact section 5517.06 of the Revised Code to require the Ohio Department of Transportation to install rumble strips along the center line for all two-way, undivided state highways with a speed limit exceeding 45 miles per hour, as a part of specified highway projects.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5517.06 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5517.06. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Rumble strips" mean a series of intermittent, narrow, transverse areas of rough-textured, slightly raised or depressed road surface that extend across the travel lane to alert road users to unusual traffic conditions or are located along the shoulder, along the roadway center line, or within islands formed by pavement markings to alert road users that they are leaving the travel lanes.

(2) "Major repair work" means any reconstruction, improvement, or repair work on a state highway that requires the
director of transportation to use competitive bidding rather than by force account.

(B) If not already present, the department of transportation shall install rumble strips along the center line for all two-way, undivided state highways, with a speed limit exceeding forty-five miles per hour, that are under the department's jurisdiction during both of the following:

(1) The construction of a new state highway;

(2) Major repair work or the repaving of a state highway.

(C) The department shall ensure that the placement and specifications for the center line rumble strips conforms to the department's manual of uniform traffic control devices as adopted under section 4511.09 of the Revised Code.