

HOUSE BILL No. 2220

By Committee on Transportation

Requested by Representative Averkamp

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1 AN ACT concerning traffic regulations; relating to speed limits; permitting
2 local authorities with jurisdiction over residence districts to reduce the
3 maximum speed limit to 25 miles per hour in their respective residence
4 districts without an engineering and traffic investigation; amending
5 K.S.A. 8-1560 and repealing the existing section.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1560 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-
9 1560. (a) Whenever local authorities in their respective jurisdictions
10 determine on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the
11 maximum speed permitted is greater or less than is reasonable and safe
12 under the conditions found to exist upon a highway or part of a highway,
13 the local authority may determine and declare a reasonable and safe
14 maximum limit thereon ~~which that~~:

- 15 (1) Decreases the limit at intersections;
16 (2) increases the limit within an urban district but *does not to* exceed
17 the maximum speed of 65 miles per hour;
18 (3) decreases the limit outside an urban district, ~~but not to~~ *not* less
19 than 20 miles per hour, except as authorized by K.S.A. 8-1560a, and
20 amendments thereto;
21 (4) decreases the limit within an urban district in a school zone to not
22 less than 20 miles per hour, except that any such decreased limit shall
23 apply only during the hours in which students are normally en route to or
24 from school. Such zones and hours ~~to~~ *shall* be determined by ordinance or
25 resolution of such local authority; or
26 (5) decreases the limit within any residence district, ~~but not to~~ *not* less
27 than 20 miles per hour.

28 (b) Except as provided in subsection (h), local authorities in their
29 respective jurisdictions may determine by an engineering and traffic
30 investigation the proper maximum speed for all arterial streets and shall
31 declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon ~~which that~~ may be
32 greater or less than the maximum speed permitted under this act for an
33 urban district or other location in which the arterial street is situated,
34 except that in no event shall any local authority establish any such
35 maximum limit in excess of 65 miles per hour.

1 (c) Except as otherwise provided in ~~paragraph (4)~~ of subsection (a)
2 (4), any altered limit established as authorized shall be effective at all
3 times or during hours of darkness or at other times as may be determined
4 when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon such street
5 or highway.

6 (d) Any alteration of maximum limits on city connecting links shall
7 not be effective until such alteration has been approved by the secretary of
8 transportation.

9 (e) If local authorities in their respective jurisdictions have
10 established a speed limit within any residence district ~~which~~ that is less
11 than 30 miles per hour, prior to the effective date of this act, such speed
12 limit shall be deemed valid and shall not require an engineering and traffic
13 investigation.

14 (f) Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may establish the
15 speed limit within a road construction zone, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1458a,
16 and amendments thereto, upon any highway under the jurisdiction of such
17 local authorities.

18 (g) The provisions of K.S.A. 8-1560b, and amendments thereto, shall
19 apply to the limitations on speed limits provided by subsection (a) ~~of this~~
20 ~~section~~.

21 (h) Local authorities who have jurisdiction over county or township
22 highways may determine, based on an engineering and traffic investigation
23 or without an engineering and traffic investigation, the proper maximum
24 speed for such county or township highways and shall declare a reasonable
25 and safe maximum limit thereon ~~which~~ that may be greater or less than the
26 maximum speed permitted under this act, except that in no event shall any
27 local authority establish any such maximum limit in excess of 65 miles per
28 hour.

29 (i) *Local authorities who have jurisdiction over city residence*
30 *districts may reduce the maximum speed limit in their respective residence*
31 *districts to 25 miles per hour without the engineering and traffic*
32 *investigation required by subsection (a).*

33 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1560 is hereby repealed.

34 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
35 publication in the statute book.