

HOUSE BILL No. 2568

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT concerning traffic regulations; relating to speed limits; allowing
2 local authorities to decrease speed limits without an engineering and
3 traffic investigation; decreasing limits allowed in certain districts;
4 amending K.S.A. 8-1560 and repealing the existing section.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

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

- 14 (1) Decreases the limit at intersections;
- 15 (2) increases the limit within an urban district, but not to exceed the
16 maximum speed of 65 miles per hour;
- 17 (3) decreases the limit outside an urban district, but not to less than ~~20~~
18 5 miles per hour, except as authorized by K.S.A. 8-1560a, and
19 amendments thereto;
- 20 (4) decreases the limit within an urban district in a school zone to not
21 less than ~~20~~ 5 miles per hour, except that any such decreased limit shall
22 apply only during the hours ~~in which~~ *that* students are normally en route to
23 or from school, such zones and hours to be determined by ordinance or
24 resolution of such local authority; ~~or~~
- 25 (5) *decreases the limit within an urban district, but not to less than 5*
26 *miles per hour;*
- 27 ~~(5)~~(6) decreases the limit within any residence district, but not to less
28 than ~~20~~ 5 miles per hour; *or*
- 29 (7) *decreases the limit within any business district, but not to less*
30 *than 5 miles per hour.*

31 (b) Except as provided in subsection (h), local authorities in their
32 respective jurisdictions may determine by an engineering and traffic
33 investigation the proper maximum speed for all arterial streets and shall
34 declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon ~~which~~ *that* may be
35 greater or less than the maximum speed permitted under this act for an
36 urban district or other location ~~in which~~ *where* the arterial street is situated,

1 except that in no event shall any local authority establish any such
2 maximum limit in excess of 65 miles per hour.

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (i) *Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions who want to*
32 *decrease a maximum speed limit may do so without conducting an*
33 *engineering and traffic investigation. Such decrease in a maximum speed*
34 *limit shall still be reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist*
35 *upon a highway or part of a highway.*

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

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