

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Legislative findings. The General Assembly
5 finds that the maximum speed limits for motor vehicles
6 prescribed in a provision concerning general speed
7 restrictions in the Illinois Vehicle Code are presumed to be
8 reasonable and safe maximum speed limits for all highways under
9 the jurisdiction of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.

10 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
11 Section 11-603 as follows:

12 (625 ILCS 5/11-603) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-603)

13 Sec. 11-603. Alteration of limits by Toll Highway
14 Authority.

15 (a) Whenever the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
16 determines, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic
17 investigation concerning a toll highway under its
18 jurisdiction, that a maximum speed limit prescribed in Section
19 11-601 of this Chapter is greater or less than is reasonable or
20 safe with respect to conditions found to exist at any place or
21 along any part or zone of such highway, the Authority shall
22 determine and declare by regulation a reasonable and safe

1 absolute maximum speed limit at such place or along such part
2 or zone, and the speed limit shall conform with the maximum
3 speed limit restrictions provided for in Section 11-601 of this
4 Code. A limit so determined and declared becomes effective, and
5 suspends the application of the limit prescribed in Section
6 11-601 of this Chapter, when (a) the Department concurs in
7 writing with the Authority's regulation, ~~and~~ (b) appropriate
8 signs giving notice of the limit are erected at such place or
9 along such part or zone of the highway, and (c) for a decrease
10 in a speed limit, the General Assembly approves the Authority's
11 regulation. The Authority shall not issue regulations to change
12 the maximum speed limit for vehicles of the second division
13 weighing more than 8,000 pounds that is more than 10 miles per
14 hour less than the maximum speed limit of that highway.
15 Electronic speed-detecting devices shall not be used within 500
16 feet beyond any such sign in the direction of travel; if so
17 used in violation hereof, evidence obtained thereby shall be
18 inadmissible in any prosecution for speeding.

19 (b) Beginning 12 months after the effective date of this
20 amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly, and except for
21 vehicles of the second division weighing more than 8,000
22 pounds, the effective absolute maximum speed limit on any part
23 of a highway under the Authority's jurisdiction shall be: (1)
24 except for Interstate Route 294 and the portion of Interstate
25 Route 94 that is between Interstate Route 294 and U.S. Route
26 41, 70 miles per hour or the maximum speed limit under Section

1 11-601 of this Code, whichever is less; and (2) 60 miles per
2 hour or the maximum speed limit under Section 11-601 of this
3 Code, whichever is less, on Interstate Route 294 and the
4 portion of Interstate Route 94 that is between Interstate Route
5 294 and U.S. Route 41. If Interstate Route 294 undergoes
6 construction that results in an increase in the maximum design
7 speed limit, the effective absolute maximum speed limit shall
8 be the maximum design speed limit or the maximum speed limit
9 under Section 11-601 of this Code, whichever is less, within 12
10 months of the design speed limit change. The maximum speed
11 limits under this subsection (b) may be altered under
12 subsection (a) of this Section. The Authority shall issue
13 regulations to implement this subsection (b).

14 (Source: P.A. 98-511, eff. 1-1-14.)