

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 (1) ~~(a)~~ the Department concurs in  
7 writing with the Authority's regulation, (2) ~~and (b)~~  
8 appropriate signs giving notice of the limit are erected at  
9 such place or along such part or zone of the highway, and (3)  
10 for a decrease in a speed limit, the Joint Committee on  
11 Administrative Rules approves the Authority's regulation. The  
12 Authority shall not issue a regulation to change a maximum  
13 speed limit for vehicles of the second division weighing more  
14 than 8,000 pounds that is more than 10 miles per hour less than  
15 the maximum speed limit of that highway. Electronic  
16 speed-detecting devices shall not be used within 500 feet  
17 beyond any such sign in the direction of travel; if so used in  
18 violation hereof, evidence obtained thereby shall be  
19 inadmissible in any prosecution for speeding.

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

1 41, 70 miles per hour, or the maximum speed limit under  
2 subsection (a) of this Section or Section 11-601 or this Code,  
3 whichever is less; and (2) 60 miles per hour or the maximum  
4 speed limit under subsection (a) of this Section or Section  
5 11-601 of this Code, whichever is less, on Interstate Route 294  
6 and the portion of Interstate Route 94 that is between  
7 Interstate Route 294 and U.S. Route 41. If Interstate Route 294  
8 undergoes construction that results in an increase in the  
9 maximum design speed limit, the effective absolute maximum  
10 speed limit shall be the design speed limit, or the maximum  
11 speed limit under subsection (a) of this Section or Section  
12 11-601 of this Code, whichever is less, within 12 months of the  
13 design speed limit change. The maximum speed limits under this  
14 subsection (b) may be altered under subsection (a) of this  
15 Section. The Authority shall issue regulations to implement  
16 this subsection (b). With respect to the setting of speed  
17 limits, nothing in this subsection (b) shall be construed to  
18 increase liability under existing law.

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

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
21 becoming law.