

HB5843



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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by Rep. Tom Cross

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-601

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-601

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning speed restrictions.

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A BILL FOR

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 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Section 11-601 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-601) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-601)
7 Sec. 11-601. General speed restrictions.

8 (a) No vehicle may be driven upon any highway of this State
9 at a speed which is greater than is reasonable and ~~and~~ proper
10 with regard to traffic conditions and the use of the highway,
11 or endangers the safety of any person or property. The fact
12 that the speed of a vehicle does not exceed the applicable
13 maximum speed limit does not relieve the driver from the duty
14 to decrease speed when approaching and crossing an
15 intersection, approaching and going around a curve, when
16 approaching a hill crest, when traveling upon any narrow or
17 winding roadway, or when special hazard exists with respect to
18 pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or highway
19 conditions. Speed must be decreased as may be necessary to
20 avoid colliding with any person or vehicle on or entering the
21 highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of
22 all persons to use due care.

23 (b) No person may drive a vehicle upon any highway of this

1 State at a speed which is greater than the applicable statutory
2 maximum speed limit established by paragraphs (c), (d), (e),
3 (f) or (g) of this Section, by Section 11-605 or by a
4 regulation or ordinance made under this Chapter.

5 (c) Unless some other speed restriction is established
6 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit in an urban
7 district for all vehicles is:

- 8 1. 30 miles per hour; and
- 9 2. 15 miles per hour in an alley.

10 (d) Unless some other speed restriction is established
11 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban
12 district for any vehicle of the first division or a second
13 division vehicle designed or used for the carrying of a gross
14 weight of 8,000 pounds or less (including the weight of the
15 vehicle and maximum load) is (1) 65 miles per hour (i) for all
16 highways under the jurisdiction of the Illinois State Toll
17 Highway Authority and (ii) for all or part of highways that are
18 designated by the Department, have at least 4 lanes of traffic,
19 and have a separation between the roadways moving in opposite
20 directions and (2) 55 miles per hour for all other highways,
21 roads, and streets.

22 (e) Unless some lesser speed restriction is established
23 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban
24 district for a second division vehicle designed or used for the
25 carrying of a gross weight of 8,001 pounds or more (including
26 the weight of the vehicle and maximum load) is 55 miles per

1 hour.

2 (f) Unless some other speed restriction is established
3 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban
4 district for a bus is:

5 1. 65 miles per hour upon any highway which has at
6 least 4 lanes of traffic and of which the roadways for
7 traffic moving in opposite directions are separated by a
8 strip of ground which is not surfaced or suitable for
9 vehicular traffic, except that the maximum speed limit for
10 a bus on all highways, roads, or streets not under the
11 jurisdiction of the Department or the Illinois State Toll
12 Highway Authority is 55 miles per hour; and

13 2. 60 miles per hour on any other highway, except that
14 the maximum speed limit for a bus on all highways, roads,
15 or streets not under the jurisdiction of the Department or
16 the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is 55 miles per
17 hour.

18 (g) Unless some other speed restriction is established
19 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban
20 district for a house car, camper, private living coach,
21 vehicles licensed as recreational vehicles, and any vehicle
22 towing any other vehicle is 55 miles per hour or the posted
23 speed limit, whichever is less.

24 (Source: P.A. 89-444, eff. 1-25-96; 89-551, eff. 1-1-97.)