

1 AN ACT with regard to vehicles.

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  
5 changing 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  
9 State at a speed ~~which is~~ greater than is reasonable and  
10 proper with regard to traffic conditions and the use of the  
11 highway, or endangers the safety of any person or property.  
12 The fact that the speed of a vehicle does not exceed the  
13 applicable maximum speed limit does not relieve the driver  
14 from the duty to decrease speed when approaching and crossing  
15 an 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  
18 to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or  
19 highway conditions. Speed must be decreased as may be  
20 necessary to avoid colliding with any person or vehicle on or  
21 entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements  
22 and the duty of all persons to use due care.

23 (b) No person may drive a vehicle upon any highway of  
24 this State at a speed which is greater than the applicable  
25 statutory maximum speed limit established by paragraphs (c),  
26 (d), (e), (f) or (g) of this Section, by Section 11-605 or  
27 by a regulation or ordinance made under this Chapter.

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

31 1. 30 miles per hour; and

1           2. 15 miles per hour in an alley.

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

14          (e) Unless some lesser speed restriction is established  
15 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
16 district for a second division vehicle designed or used for  
17 the carrying of a gross weight of 8,001 pounds or more  
18 (including the weight of the vehicle and maximum load) is 55  
19 miles per hour.

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

23           1. 65 miles per hour upon any highway which has at  
24 least 4 lanes of traffic and of which the roadways for  
25 traffic moving in opposite directions are separated by a  
26 strip of ground which is not surfaced or suitable for  
27 vehicular traffic, except that the maximum speed limit  
28 for a bus on all highways, roads, or streets not under  
29 the jurisdiction of the Department or the Illinois State  
30 Toll Highway Authority is 55 miles per hour; and

31           2. 60 miles per hour on any other highway, except  
32 that the maximum speed limit for a bus on all highways,  
33 roads, or streets not under the jurisdiction of the  
34 Department or the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority

1 is 55 miles per hour.

2 (g) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
3 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
4 district for a house car, camper, private living coach,  
5 vehicles licensed as recreational vehicles, and any vehicle  
6 towing any other vehicle is 55 miles per hour or the posted  
7 speed limit, whichever is less.

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