

1 AN ACT in relation 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 11-602 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-602) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-602)

7 Sec. 11-602. Alteration of limits by Department.

8 Whenever the Department determines, upon the basis of an
9 engineering and traffic investigation concerning any highway
10 for which the Department has maintenance responsibility, that
11 a maximum speed limit prescribed in Section 11-601 of this
12 Chapter is greater or less than is reasonable or safe with
13 respect to the conditions found to exist at any intersection
14 or other place on such highway or along any part or zone
15 thereof, the Department shall determine and declare a
16 reasonable and safe absolute maximum speed limit applicable
17 to such intersection or place, or along such part or zone.
18 However, such limit shall not exceed 65 miles per hour, or 55
19 miles per hour for a second division vehicle designed or used
20 for the carrying of a gross weight of 8,001 pounds or more
21 (including the weight of the vehicle and maximum load), on a
22 highway or street which is especially designed for through
23 traffic and to, from, or over which owners of or persons
24 having an interest in abutting property or other persons have
25 no right or easement, or only a limited right or easement, of
26 access, crossing, light, air, or view, and shall not exceed
27 55 miles per hour on any other highway. Where a highway under
28 the Department's jurisdiction is contiguous to school
29 property, the Department may, at the school district's
30 request, set a reduced maximum speed limit for student safety
31 purposes in the portion of the highway that faces the school

1 property and in the portions of the highway that extend
2 one-quarter mile in each direction from the opposite ends of
3 the school property. A limit so determined and declared as
4 provided in this Section becomes effective, and suspends the
5 applicability of the limit prescribed in Section 11-601 of
6 this Chapter, when appropriate signs giving notice of the
7 limit are erected at such intersection or other place, or
8 along such part or zone of the highway. Electronic
9 speed-detecting devices shall not be used within 500 feet
10 beyond any such sign in the direction of travel; if so used
11 in violation hereof, evidence obtained thereby shall be
12 inadmissible in any prosecution for speeding. However,
13 nothing in this Section prohibits the use of such electronic
14 speed-detecting devices within 500 feet of a sign within a
15 special school speed zone indicating such zone, conforming to
16 the requirements of Section 11-605 of this Act, nor shall
17 evidence obtained thereby be inadmissible in any prosecution
18 for speeding provided the use of such device shall apply only
19 to the enforcement of the speed limit in such special school
20 speed zone.

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

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.