



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
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**SB2374**

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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

625 ILCS 5/11-601

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

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, unless some other speed restriction has been established under the Code, the maximum speed limit outside an urban district for any vehicle is 65 miles per hour. Effective January 1, 2005.

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1 AN ACT concerning 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 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 proper with  
10 regard to traffic conditions and the use of the highway, or  
11 endangers the safety of any person or property. The fact that  
12 the speed of a vehicle does not exceed the applicable maximum  
13 speed limit does not relieve the driver from the duty to  
14 decrease speed when approaching and crossing an intersection,  
15 approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill  
16 crest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, or  
17 when special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or other  
18 traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions. Speed  
19 must be decreased as may be necessary to avoid colliding with  
20 any person or vehicle on or entering the highway in compliance  
21 with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due  
22 care.

23 (b) No person may drive a vehicle upon any highway of this  
24 State at a speed which is greater than the applicable statutory  
25 maximum speed limit established by paragraphs (c), (d), (e),  
26 (f) or (g) of this Section, by Section 11-605 or by a  
27 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  
32 2. 15 miles per hour in an alley.

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

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

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

22 1. 65 miles per hour upon any highway which has at  
23 least 4 lanes of traffic and of which the roadways for  
24 traffic moving in opposite directions are separated by a  
25 strip of ground which is not surfaced or suitable for  
26 vehicular traffic, ~~except that the maximum speed limit for~~  
27 ~~a bus on all highways, roads, or streets not under the~~  
28 ~~jurisdiction of the Department or the Illinois State Toll~~  
29 ~~Highway Authority is 55 miles per hour; and~~

30 2. 55 ~~60~~ miles per hour on any other highway, ~~except~~  
31 ~~that the maximum speed limit for a bus on all highways,~~  
32 ~~roads, or streets not under the jurisdiction of the~~  
33 ~~Department or the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is~~  
34 ~~55 miles per hour.~~

35 (g) (Blank) ~~Unless some other speed restriction is~~  
36 ~~established under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside~~

1 ~~an urban district for a house car, camper, private living~~  
2 ~~coach, vehicles licensed as recreational vehicles, and any~~  
3 ~~vehicle towing any other vehicle is 55 miles per hour or the~~  
4 ~~posted speed limit, whichever is less.~~

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

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
7 1, 2005.