

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB3127

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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. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning speed restrictions.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 2 represented in the General Assembly: 3

- 4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing 5 Section 11-601 as follows:
- (625 ILCS 5/11-601) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-601) 6
- 7 Sec. 11-601. General speed restrictions.
- (a) No vehicle may be driven upon any highway of this State 8 at a speed which is greater than is reasonable <u>and</u> proper 9 with regard to traffic conditions and the use of the highway, 10 or endangers the safety of any person or property. The fact 11 that the speed of a vehicle does not exceed the applicable 12 maximum speed limit does not relieve the driver from the duty 13 14 decrease speed when approaching and crossing 15 intersection, approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill crest, when traveling upon any narrow or 16 17 winding roadway, or when special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or highway 18 19 conditions. Speed must be decreased as may be necessary to 20 avoid colliding with any person or vehicle on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of 21 22 all persons to use due care.
 - (b) No person may drive a vehicle upon any highway of this State at a speed which is greater than the applicable statutory maximum speed limit established by paragraphs (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g) of this Section, by Section 11-605 or by a regulation or ordinance made under this Chapter.
- (c) Unless some other speed restriction is established under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit in an urban 30 district for all vehicles is:
- 1. 30 miles per hour; and 31

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2. 15 miles per hour in an alley. 32

- (d) Unless some other speed restriction is established under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban district for any vehicle of the first division or a second division vehicle designed or used for the carrying of a gross weight of 8,000 pounds or less (including the weight of the vehicle and maximum load) is (1) 65 miles per hour (i) for all highways under the jurisdiction of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and (ii) for all or part of highways that are designated by the Department, have at least 4 lanes of traffic, and have a separation between the roadways moving in opposite directions and (2) 55 miles per hour for all other highways, roads, and streets.
- (e) Unless some lesser speed restriction is established under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban district for a second division vehicle designed or used for the carrying of a gross weight of 8,001 pounds or more (including the weight of the vehicle and maximum load) is 55 miles per hour.
- (f) Unless some other speed restriction is established under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban district for a bus is:
 - 1. 65 miles per hour upon any highway which has at least 4 lanes of traffic and of which the roadways for traffic moving in opposite directions are separated by a strip of ground which is not surfaced or suitable for vehicular traffic, except that the maximum speed limit for a bus on all highways, roads, or streets not under the jurisdiction of the Department or the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is 55 miles per hour; and
 - 2. 60 miles per hour on any other highway, except that the maximum speed limit for a bus on all highways, roads, or streets not under the jurisdiction of the Department or the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is 55 miles per hour.
- (g) Unless some other speed restriction is established under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban

- 1 district for a house car, camper, private living coach,
- 2 vehicles licensed as recreational vehicles, and any vehicle
- 3 towing any other vehicle is 55 miles per hour or the posted
- 4 speed limit, whichever is less.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 89-444, eff. 1-25-96; 89-551, eff. 1-1-97.)