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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-601	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-601
625 ILCS 5/11-602	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-602
625 ILCS 5/11-603	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-603

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that outside the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will, the maximum speed limit outside an urban district for any vehicle is (1) 70 miles per hour on any interstate highway; (2) 65 miles per hour for all or part of highways that are designated by the Department of Transportation, have at least 4 lanes of traffic, and have a separation between the roadways moving in opposite directions; and (3) 55 miles per hour for all other highways, roads, and streets. Permits the Department of Transportation and Toll Highway Authority to alter speed limits up to the new maximum speed limit (rather than up to 65 miles per hour).

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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 Sections 11-601, 11-602, and 11-603 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

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 is (1) 65 miles per hour (i) for all
13 highways under the jurisdiction of the Illinois State Toll
14 Highway Authority, unless some other speed limit is designated,
15 and (ii) for all or part of highways that are designated by the
16 Department, have at least 4 lanes of traffic, and have a
17 separation between the roadways moving in opposite directions
18 and (2) 55 miles per hour for all other highways, roads, and
19 streets.

20 (d-1) Outside the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake,
21 McHenry, and Will, unless some other speed restriction is
22 established under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside
23 an urban district for any vehicle is (1) 70 miles per hour on
24 any interstate highway as defined by Section 1-133.1 of this
25 Code; (2) 65 miles per hour for all or part of highways that
26 are designated by the Department, have at least 4 lanes of

1 traffic, and have a separation between the roadways moving in
2 opposite directions; and (3) 55 miles per hour for all other
3 highways, roads, and streets.

4 (e) In the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry,
5 and Will, unless some lesser speed restriction is established
6 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban
7 district for a second division vehicle designed or used for the
8 carrying of a gross weight of 8,001 pounds or more (including
9 the weight of the vehicle and maximum load) is 55 miles per
10 hour.

11 (e-1) (Blank).

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

15 1. 65 miles per hour upon any highway which has at
16 least 4 lanes of traffic and of which the roadways for
17 traffic moving in opposite directions are separated by a
18 strip of ground which is not surfaced or suitable for
19 vehicular traffic, except that the maximum speed limit for
20 a bus on all highways, roads, or streets not under the
21 jurisdiction of the Department or the Illinois State Toll
22 Highway Authority is 55 miles per hour; ~~and~~

23 1.5. 70 miles per hour, upon any interstate highway as
24 defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code outside the
25 counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will;
26 and

1 2. 55 miles per hour on any other highway.

2 (g) (Blank).

3 (Source: P.A. 96-524, eff. 1-1-10; 97-202, eff. 1-1-12.)

4 (625 ILCS 5/11-602) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-602)

5 Sec. 11-602. Alteration of limits by Department. Whenever
6 the Department determines, upon the basis of an engineering and
7 traffic investigation concerning any highway for which the
8 Department has maintenance responsibility, that a maximum
9 speed limit prescribed in Section 11-601 of this Chapter is
10 greater or less than is reasonable or safe with respect to the
11 conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place on
12 such highway or along any part or zone thereof, the Department
13 shall determine and declare a reasonable and safe absolute
14 maximum speed limit applicable to such intersection or place,
15 or along such part or zone. However, such limit shall conform
16 with the maximum speed limit restrictions provided for in
17 Section 11-601 of this Code ~~not exceed 65 miles per hour on a~~
18 ~~highway or street which is especially designed for through~~
19 ~~traffic and to, from, or over which owners of or persons having~~
20 ~~an interest in abutting property or other persons have no right~~
21 ~~or easement, or only a limited right or easement, of access,~~
22 ~~crossing, light, air, or view, and shall not exceed 55 miles~~
23 ~~per hour on any other highway.~~ Where a highway under the
24 Department's jurisdiction is contiguous to school property,
25 the Department may, at the school district's request, set a

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

22 (Source: P.A. 96-524, eff. 1-1-10.)

23 (625 ILCS 5/11-603) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-603)

24 Sec. 11-603. Alteration of limits by Toll Highway
25 Authority. Whenever the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority

1 determines, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic
2 investigation concerning a toll highway under its
3 jurisdiction, that a maximum speed limit prescribed in Section
4 11-601 of this Chapter is greater or less than is reasonable or
5 safe with respect to conditions found to exist at any place or
6 along any part or zone of such highway, the Authority shall
7 determine and declare by regulation a reasonable and safe
8 absolute maximum speed limit at such place or along such part
9 or zone, and the speed limit shall conform with the maximum
10 speed limit restrictions provided for in Section 11-601 of this
11 Code not exceeding 65 miles per hour. A limit so determined and
12 declared becomes effective, and suspends the application of the
13 limit prescribed in Section 11-601 of this Chapter, when (a)
14 the Department concurs in writing with the Authority's
15 regulation, and (b) appropriate signs giving notice of the
16 limit are erected at such place or along such part or zone of
17 the highway. Electronic speed-detecting devices shall not be
18 used within 500 feet beyond any such sign in the direction of
19 travel; if so used in violation hereof, evidence obtained
20 thereby shall be inadmissible in any prosecution for speeding.
21 (Source: P.A. 89-444, eff. 1-25-96.)