

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 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

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) Unless some other speed restriction is established
21 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban
22 district for any vehicle is (1) 70 miles per hour on any
23 interstate highway as defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code;
24 (2) 65 miles per hour for all or part of highways that are
25 designated by the Department, have at least 4 lanes of traffic,
26 and have a separation between the roadways moving in opposite

1 directions; and (3) 55 miles per hour for all other highways,
2 roads, and streets. The counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake,
3 Madison, McHenry, St. Clair, and Will may adopt ordinances
4 setting a maximum speed limit on highways, roads, and streets
5 that is lower than the limits established by this Section.

6 (e) In the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry,
7 and Will, unless some lesser speed restriction is established
8 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban
9 district for a second division vehicle designed or used for the
10 carrying of a gross weight of 8,001 pounds or more (including
11 the weight of the vehicle and maximum load) is 60 miles per
12 hour on any interstate highway as defined by Section 1-133.1 of
13 this Code and 55 miles per hour on all other highways, roads,
14 and streets.

15 (e-1) (Blank).

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

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

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

5 2. 55 miles per hour on any other highway.

6 (g) (Blank).

7 (Source: P.A. 97-202, eff. 1-1-12; 98-511, eff. 1-1-14.)