

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 213 Session of  
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SCHRODER, JANUARY 24, 1995

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 6, 1995

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing for a speed limit of 65 miles per hour on  
3 rural interstate highways ~~and on a certain portion of the~~ <—  
4 ~~Pennsylvania Turnpike; and further providing for speed timing~~  
5 ~~devices.~~

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 ~~Section 1. Section 3362 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania~~ <—  
9 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:~~

10 SECTION 1. SECTION 102 OF TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <—  
11 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED BY ADDING A DEFINITION TO READ:  
12 § 102. DEFINITIONS.

13 SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS CONTAINED IN SUBSEQUENT  
14 PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC  
15 PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN  
16 USED IN THIS TITLE SHALL HAVE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY

1 INDICATES OTHERWISE, THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION:

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3 "INTERSTATE HIGHWAY." A FREEWAY ON THE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER  
4 SYSTEM OF INTERSTATE AND DEFENSE HIGHWAYS.

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6 SECTION 2. SECTIONS 3362 AND 6110(A) OF TITLE 75 ARE AMENDED  
7 TO READ:

8 § 3362. Maximum speed limits.

9 (a) General rule.--Except when a special hazard exists that  
10 requires lower speed for compliance with section 3361 (relating  
11 to driving vehicle at safe speed), the limits specified in this  
12 [subsection] section or established under this subchapter shall  
13 be maximum lawful speeds and no person shall drive a vehicle at  
14 a speed in excess of the following maximum limits:

15 (1) 35 miles per hour in any urban district.

16 (1.1) 65 MILES PER HOUR FOR PASSENGER CARS, MOTORCYCLES <—  
17 AND TRUCKS HAVING A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN  
18 9,000 POUNDS:

19 (I) ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS OUTSIDE OF URBANIZED  
20 AREAS OF POPULATION OF 50,000 OR MORE; AND

21 (II) ON OTHER FREEWAYS WHERE THE DEPARTMENT HAS  
22 POSTED A 65-MILE-PER-HOUR SPEED LIMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
23 THE PROVISIONS OF 23 U.S.C. (RELATING TO HIGHWAYS).

24 (2) 55 miles per hour in other locations~~+.], except on~~ <—  
25 ~~interstate highways outside of urbanized areas of population~~  
26 ~~of 50,000 or more.~~

27 ~~(2.1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii), 65~~  
28 ~~miles per hour on interstate highways outside of~~  
29 ~~urbanized areas of population of 50,000 or more.~~

30 ~~(ii) 55 miles per hour on all interstate highways~~

~~for trucks and truck tractors registered as Class 4 or  
larger.~~

(3) Any other maximum speed limit established under this  
subchapter.

~~(a.1) Limit on certain highways. Notwithstanding subsection  
(a), the speed limit, for passenger cars only, on rural  
interstate highways and the east west portion of the  
Pennsylvania Turnpike outside of an urbanized area with a  
population of 50,000 or more shall be 65 miles per hour.~~

(b) Posting of speed limit.--No maximum speed limit  
established under subsection (a)(1), (1.1) or (3) shall be  
effective unless posted on fixed or variable official traffic-  
control devices erected in accordance with regulations adopted  
by the department which regulations shall require posting at the  
beginning and end of each speed zone and at intervals not  
greater than one-half mile.

(c) Penalty.--Any person violating this section is guilty of  
a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to  
pay a fine of \$35. Any person exceeding the maximum speed limit  
by more than five miles per hour shall pay an additional fine of  
\$2 per mile for each mile in excess of five miles per hour over  
the maximum speed limit.

§ 6110. REGULATION OF TRAFFIC ON PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE.

(A) GENERAL RULE.--THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE APPLY UPON  
ANY TURNPIKE OR HIGHWAY UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE  
PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION UNLESS SPECIFICALLY MODIFIED BY  
RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION WHICH SHALL  
BECOME EFFECTIVE ONLY UPON PUBLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW. A  
COPY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, SO LONG AS THEY ARE  
EFFECTIVE, SHALL BE POSTED AT ALL ENTRANCES TO THE TURNPIKE OR

1 HIGHWAY FOR THE INSPECTION OF PERSONS USING THE TURNPIKE OR  
2 HIGHWAY. THIS SECTION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
3 MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT GREATER THAN 55 MILES PER HOUR, EXCEPT FOR  
4 PASSENGER CARS, MOTORCYCLES AND TRUCKS WITH A REGISTERED GROSS  
5 WEIGHT OF 9,000 POUNDS OR LESS ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS OUTSIDE OF  
6 AN URBANIZED AREA WITH A POPULATION OF 50,000 OR MORE.

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8 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.~~

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9 SECTION 3. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 90 DAYS.

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