

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
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1987

INTRODUCED BY WOZNIAK, GEIST, VEON, VROON, GODSHALL, DUFFY AND
BUNT, APRIL 27, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 27, 1987

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 the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 3362 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended 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 or established under this subchapter shall be maximum
13 lawful speeds and no person shall drive a vehicle at a speed in
14 excess of the following maximum limits:

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

16 (2) 65 miles per hour on rural interstate highways and
17 on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

18 [(2)] (3) 55 miles per hour in other locations.

1 [(3)] (4) Any other maximum speed limit established
2 under this subchapter.

3 (b) Posting of speed limit.--No maximum speed limit
4 established under subsection (a)(1) [or], (3) or (4) shall be
5 effective unless posted on fixed or variable official traffic-
6 control devices erected in accordance with regulations adopted
7 by the department which regulations shall require posting at the
8 beginning and end of each speed zone and at intervals not
9 greater than one-half mile.

10 (c) Penalty.--Any person violating this section is guilty of
11 a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to
12 pay a fine of \$35. Any person exceeding the maximum speed limit
13 by more than five miles per hour shall pay an additional fine of
14 \$2 per mile for each mile in excess of five miles per hour over
15 the maximum speed limit.

16 (d) Rural interstate highways.--The department shall
17 determine what constitutes a rural interstate highway. The
18 determination shall be based on the population of the area in
19 which the highway is located and on the number of motor vehicles
20 which use the highway's access and exit ramps. A section of an
21 interstate highway may be designated as rural and the speed
22 limit of that section may be set at 65 miles per hour, even
23 though another portion of that highway, because it is located in
24 an area of dense population and heavy vehicular ingress and
25 egress, is not designated as rural and the speed limit on that
26 section is 55 miles per hour.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.