

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

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LESCOVITZ, BATTISTO AND LETTERMAN, FEBRUARY 25, 1985

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
MAY 29, 1985

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, relating to the reduction of certain speed limits.

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

5 Section 1. ~~Section 3363~~ SECTIONS 3363 AND 3365(B) of Title <—  
6 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes ~~is~~ ARE amended to <—  
7 read:

8 § 3363. Alteration of maximum limits.

9 The department or local authorities on highways under their  
10 respective jurisdictions, upon the basis of an engineering and  
11 traffic investigation, may determine that the maximum speed  
12 permitted under this subchapter is greater or less than is  
13 reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist upon any  
14 such highway or part thereof and establish a reasonable and safe  
15 maximum limit. The maximum speed limit may be made effective at  
16 all times or at times indicated and may vary for different  
17 weather conditions and other factors bearing on safe speeds. No

1 maximum speed greater than 55 miles per hour shall be  
2 established under this section. The department shall reduce by  
3 no more than 10 miles per hour the speed limit on State highways  
4 located in municipalities, other than limited access highways,  
5 when a reduction is requested by the local authorities by means  
6 of an ordinance or resolution adopted by the governing body of  
7 the local authority which request shall be accompanied by an  
8 engineering study that finds that the existing speed limit is  
9 excessive. The department shall lower the speed limit in  
10 residence districts when requested by the municipality by using  
11 the standard traffic study data, except that the percentile  
12 speed used shall be the 40th percentile and no other. In no  
13 event shall the speed limit be reduced to less than 25 miles per  
14 hour.

15 § 3365. SPECIAL SPEED LIMITATIONS.

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17 (B) SCHOOL ZONES.--WHEN PASSING A SCHOOL ZONE AS DEFINED AND  
18 ESTABLISHED UNDER REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, NO PERSON SHALL  
19 DRIVE A VEHICLE AT A SPEED GREATER THAN 15 MILES PER HOUR. AN  
20 OFFICIAL TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICE SHALL INDICATE THE BEGINNING AND  
21 END OF EACH SCHOOL ZONE TO TRAFFIC APPROACHING IN EACH  
22 DIRECTION, AND, ON A STATE HIGHWAY HAVING A DESIGNATED SPEED OF  
23 55 MILES PER HOUR, AT LEAST 1,500 FEET OF HIGHWAY IMMEDIATELY  
24 APPROACHING THE INDICATED SCHOOL ZONE FROM EITHER DIRECTION  
25 SHALL HAVE A REDUCED SPEED LIMIT OF NOT MORE THAN 45 MILES PER  
26 HOUR. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL ZONE, INCLUDING ITS LOCATION AND  
27 HOURS OF OPERATION, SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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29 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.