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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, NOVEMBER 18, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing
3 for maximum speed limits and for alteration of maximum
4 limits; and, in powers of department and local authorities,
5 further providing for regulation of traffic on Pennsylvania
6 Turnpike.

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

9 Section 1. Sections 3362(a)(1.1) and (c)(1), 3363 and
10 6110(a) and (a.1) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
11 Statutes are amended to read:

12 § 3362. Maximum speed limits.

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

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1 (1.1) [65] 70 miles per hour for all vehicles on
2 freeways where the department has posted a [65-miles-per-
3 hour] 70-miles-per-hour speed limit.

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5 (c) Penalty.--

6 (1) Any person violating this section is guilty of a
7 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to
8 pay a fine of:

9 (i) \$42.50 for violating a maximum speed limit of 65
10 miles per hour or 70 miles per hour; or

11 (ii) \$35 for violating any other maximum speed
12 limit.

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14 § 3363. Alteration of maximum limits.

15 On highways under their respective jurisdictions, local
16 authorities subject to section 6109(e) (relating to specific
17 powers of department and local authorities) or the department,
18 upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, may
19 determine that the maximum speed permitted under this subchapter
20 is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under the
21 conditions found to exist upon any such highway or part thereof
22 and establish a reasonable and safe maximum limit. The maximum
23 speed limit may be made effective at all times or at times
24 indicated and may vary for different weather conditions and
25 other factors bearing on safe speeds. No maximum speed greater
26 than 55 miles per hour shall be established under this section
27 except on highways listed in section 3362(a)(1.1) (relating to
28 maximum speed limits), where the maximum speed for all vehicles
29 shall not be greater than [65] 70 miles per hour.

30 § 6110. Regulation of traffic on Pennsylvania Turnpike.

1 (a) General rule.--The provisions of this title apply upon
2 any turnpike or highway under the supervision and control of the
3 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission unless specifically modified by
4 rules and regulations promulgated by the commission which shall
5 become effective only upon publication in accordance with law. A
6 copy of the rules and regulations, so long as they are
7 effective, shall be posted at all entrances to the turnpike or
8 highway for the inspection of persons using the turnpike or
9 highway. This section does not authorize the establishment of a
10 maximum speed limit greater than 55 miles per hour, except that
11 [a] 65-miles-per-hour and 70-miles-per-hour maximum speed
12 [limit] limits for all vehicles may be established where the
13 commission has posted [a] 65-miles-per-hour and 70-miles-per-
14 hour speed [limit] limits.

15 (a.1) Posting.--No maximum speed limit established under
16 subsection [(a)(1) or (2)] (a) shall be effective unless posted
17 on fixed or variable official traffic-control devices erected
18 after each interchange on the portion of highway on which the
19 speed limit is in effect and wherever else the commission shall
20 determine.

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22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.