

**As Amended by House Committee**

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*Session of 2025*

**HOUSE BILL No. 2220**

By Committee on Transportation

Requested by Representative Awerkamp

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1 AN ACT concerning traffic regulations; relating to speed limits; permitting  
2 local authorities with jurisdiction over residence districts to reduce the  
3 maximum speed limit **from 30 miles per hour** to 25 miles per hour in  
4 their respective residence districts without an engineering and traffic  
5 investigation; amending K.S.A. 8-1560 and repealing the existing  
6 section.

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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1560 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-  
10 1560. (a) Whenever local authorities in their respective jurisdictions  
11 determine on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the  
12 maximum speed permitted is greater or less than is reasonable and safe  
13 under the conditions found to exist upon a highway or part of a highway,  
14 the local authority may determine and declare a reasonable and safe  
15 maximum limit thereon ~~which that~~:

16 (1) Decreases the limit at intersections;  
17 (2) increases the limit within an urban district but *does not* ~~to~~ exceed  
18 the maximum speed of 65 miles per hour;  
19 (3) decreases the limit outside an urban district, ~~but not~~ to *not* less  
20 than 20 miles per hour, except as authorized by K.S.A. 8-1560a, and  
21 amendments thereto;  
22 (4) decreases the limit within an urban district in a school zone to not  
23 less than 20 miles per hour, except that any such decreased limit shall  
24 apply only during the hours in which students are normally en route to or  
25 from school. Such zones and hours ~~to~~ *shall* be determined by ordinance or  
26 resolution of such local authority; or  
27 (5) decreases the limit within any residence district, ~~but not~~ to *not* less  
28 than 20 miles per hour.

29 (b) Except as provided in subsection (h), local authorities in their  
30 respective jurisdictions may determine by an engineering and traffic  
31 investigation the proper maximum speed for all arterial streets and shall  
32 declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon ~~which that~~ may be  
33 greater or less than the maximum speed permitted under this act for an  
34 urban district or other location in which the arterial street is situated,  
35 except that in no event shall any local authority establish any such

1 maximum limit in excess of 65 miles per hour.

2 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4) of subsection (a)  
3 (4), any altered limit established as authorized shall be effective at all  
4 times or during hours of darkness or at other times as may be determined  
5 when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon such street  
6 or highway.

7 (d) Any alteration of maximum limits on city connecting links shall  
8 not be effective until such alteration has been approved by the secretary of  
9 transportation.

10 (e) If local authorities in their respective jurisdictions have  
11 established a speed limit within any residence district ~~which that~~ is less  
12 than 30 miles per hour, prior to the effective date of this act, such speed  
13 limit shall be deemed valid and shall not require an engineering and traffic  
14 investigation.

15 (f) Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may establish the  
16 speed limit within a road construction zone, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1458a,  
17 and amendments thereto, upon any highway under the jurisdiction of such  
18 local authorities.

19 (g) The provisions of K.S.A. 8-1560b, and amendments thereto, shall  
20 apply to the limitations on speed limits provided by subsection (a) ~~of this~~  
21 ~~seetion.~~

22 (h) Local authorities who have jurisdiction over county or township  
23 highways may determine, based on an engineering and traffic investigation  
24 or without an engineering and traffic investigation, the proper maximum  
25 speed for such county or township highways and shall declare a reasonable  
26 and safe maximum limit thereon ~~which that~~ may be greater or less than the  
27 maximum speed permitted under this act, except that in no event shall any  
28 local authority establish any such maximum limit in excess of 65 miles per  
29 hour.

30 (i) Local authorities who have jurisdiction over city residence  
31 districts may reduce the maximum speed limit in their respective residence  
32 districts **from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour without the**  
33 *engineering and traffic investigation required by subsection (a).*

34 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1560 is hereby repealed.

35 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
36 publication in the statute book.