

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2025

HOUSE BILL No. 2220

By Committee on Transportation

Requested by Representative Awerkamp

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

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

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

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

(b) Except as provided in subsection (h), local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may determine by an engineering and traffic investigation the proper maximum speed for all arterial streets and shall declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon ~~which that~~ may be greater or less than the maximum speed permitted under this act for an urban district or other location in which the arterial street is situated, 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 ~~section~~.

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.