

# HOUSE BILL 223

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Maximum Speed Limits on Highways**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum speed limit that may be established on  
4 certain highways in the State; increasing the maximum speed limit on the  
5 highway known as the “Intercounty Connector”; defining a certain term; and  
6 generally relating to maximum speed limits on highways.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Transportation  
9 Section 4–321(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Transportation  
14 Section 21–801.1(b) and (d)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2012 Replacement Volume)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Transportation  
19 Section 21–801.1(e)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2012 Replacement Volume)

22 BY adding to  
23 Article – Transportation  
24 Section 21–801.1(g)  
25 Annotated Code of Maryland

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2012 Replacement Volume)

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
3 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

4 **Article – Transportation**

5 4–321.

6 (a) In this section, “Intercounty Connector” means the  
7 east–west multimodal highway in Montgomery and Prince George’s counties between  
8 Interstate 270 and Interstate 95/U.S. Route 1, as described in the 2005 – 2010  
9 Consolidated Transportation Plan.

10 21–801.1.

11 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the maximum speed limits  
12 are:

13 (1) 15 miles an hour in alleys in Baltimore County;

14 (2) 30 miles an hour on:

15 (i) All highways in a business district; and

16 (ii) Undivided highways in a residential district;

17 (3) 35 miles an hour on divided highways in a residential district;

18 (4) 50 miles an hour on undivided highways in other locations; and

19 (5) 55 miles an hour on divided highways in other locations.

20 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a maximum speed  
21 limit specified in subsection (b) of this section or in effect under subsection (c) of this  
22 section may be altered as provided in this subtitle.

23 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, a maximum  
24 speed limit of more than 55 miles an hour may not be established or continued on any  
25 highway in this State that:

26 (i) Is not an interstate highway or an expressway; or

27 (ii) Would subject the State to federal funding sanctions under  
28 23 United States Code § 154.

1           (2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a  
2 maximum speed limit of more than [65] **70** miles an hour may not be established on  
3 any highway in the State.

4           **(G) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR" HAS THE**  
5 **MEANING STATED IN § 4-321 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

6           **(2) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE**  
7 **MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR THE INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR IS 70 MILES AN**  
8 **HOUR.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2013.