

SENATE BILL 157

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By: **Senators Edwards, Astle, Brinkley, Glassman, Madaleno, Shank, and Young**

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2014

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Maximum Speed Limits on Highways

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum speed limit that may be established on certain highways in the State; and generally relating to maximum speed limits on highways.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–801.1(b) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–801.1(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

21–801.1.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- (2) 30 miles an hour on:
 - (i) All highways in a business district; and
 - (ii) Undivided highways in a residential district;
- (3) 35 miles an hour on divided highways in a residential district;
- (4) 50 miles an hour on undivided highways in other locations; and
- (5) 55 miles an hour on divided highways in other locations.

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

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

- (i) Is not an interstate highway or an expressway; or
- (ii) Would subject the State to federal funding sanctions under 23 United States Code § 154.

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.