HOUSE BILL 562

By: **Montgomery County Delegation** Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2021 Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Speed Limits – Establishment MC 02–21 FOR the purpose of authorizing Montgomery County to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than a certain speed on highways only after performing an engineering

- 5 to not less than a certain speed on highways only after performing an engineering 6 and traffic investigation; and generally relating to the establishment of speed limits 7 and highways in Montgomery County
- 7 on highways in Montgomery County.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article Transportation
- 10 Section 21–803
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2020 Replacement Volume)

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

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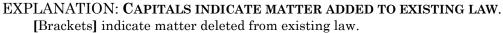
Article – Transportation

16 21-803.

17 (a) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph (3)] PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4) of 18 this subsection, if, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, a local authority 19 determines that any maximum speed limit specified in this subtitle is greater or less than 20 reasonable or safe under existing conditions on any part of a highway in its jurisdiction, it 21 may establish a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit for that part of the highway, 22 which may:

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(i) Decrease the limit at an intersection;





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$\frac{1}{2}$	per hour;	(ii)	Increase the limit in an urban district to not more than 50 miles	
3		(iii)	Decrease the limit in an urban district; or	
4 5	miles per hour.	(iv)	Decrease the limit outside an urban district to not less than 25	
6 7 8	(2) An engineering and traffic investigation is not required to conform a posted maximum speed limit in effect on December 31, 1974, to a different limit specified in § 21–801.1(b) of this subtitle.			
9 10 11 12	(3) Calvert County may decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour on Lore Road and, except for Solomons Island Road, each highway south of Lore Road without performing an engineering and traffic investigation, regardless of whether the highway is inside an urban district.			
$13 \\ 14 \\ 15$	(4) MONTGOMERY COUNTY MAY DECREASE THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT TO NOT LESS THAN 15 MILES PER HOUR ON A HIGHWAY ONLY AFTER PERFORMING AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION.			
16	(b) In sc	hool zo	nes designated and posted by the local authorities of any county:	
17 18 19	(1) The county may decrease the maximum speed limit to 15 miles per hour during school hours, provided the county pays the cost of placing and maintaining the necessary signs; and			
20 21 22	(2) Any municipality within each county may decrease the maximum speed limit in a school zone within the municipality to 15 miles per hour during school hours, provided the municipality pays the cost of placing and maintaining the necessary signs.			
$\frac{23}{24}$	(c) An altered maximum speed limit established under this section is effective when posted on appropriate signs giving notice of the limit.			
$25 \\ 26 \\ 27$	(d) Except in Baltimore City, any alteration by a local authority of a maximum speed limit on a part or extension of a State highway is not effective until it is approved by the State Highway Administration.			
28 29 30		greate	ocal authority determines that any maximum speed limit specified or than reasonable or safe in an alley in its jurisdiction, the local a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit for the alley.	
$\frac{31}{32}$	(2) subsection on app		local authority shall post a speed limit established under this te signs giving notice of the speed limit.	

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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 2 October 1, 2021.