

SENATE BILL 464

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By: **Senator Jackson**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Urban State Highways – Speed Limits – Exceptions**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Highway Administration to decrease the
4 maximum speed limit by a certain amount on certain urban State highways without
5 an engineering and traffic investigation; and generally relating to speed limits on
6 urban State highways.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Transportation
9 Section 8–630(a)(1) and (3) and 21–801.1(b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 21–802
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 8–630.

21 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (3) “Urban highway” means a highway, other than an expressway, that is:

23 (i) 1. Constructed with a curb and gutter and an enclosed type

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **SUBTITLE ON ANY URBAN HIGHWAY, AS DEFINED IN § 8-630 OF THIS ARTICLE,**
2 **UNDER ITS JURISDICTION BY 5 MILES PER HOUR.**

3 (c) Under this section, the State Highway Administration may:

4 (1) Establish a maximum speed limit to apply at all times or only at
5 specified times; and

6 (2) Establish differing limits for different times of day, different types of
7 vehicles, different weather conditions, or other factors bearing on safe speeds.

8 (d) An altered maximum speed limit established under this section is effective
9 when posted on appropriate signs giving notice of the limit.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2024.