

HOUSE BILL 384

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Speeding Violations in School Zones - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a person convicted for speeding within certain
4 zones is subject to a fine double the amount that would otherwise apply, subject
5 to a specified limit; prohibiting a person from speeding within certain zones;
6 authorizing the State Highway Administration to place certain traffic control
7 devices in addition to signs in certain zones; providing that the political
8 subdivision requesting the zone designation is responsible for certain costs;
9 providing that certain signs must be posted for certain provisions to be in effect;
10 and generally relating to the establishment of school zones and the penalties for
11 speeding within the zones.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 21-803.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article - Transportation
19 Section 27-101(r)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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Article - Transportation

2 21-803.1.

3 (a) On the request of any political subdivision, the State Highway
4 Administration may establish speed zones and maximum speed limits within a
5 half-mile radius of any school located adjacent to any highway in the political
6 subdivision.

7 (b) (1) On each highway where a speed zone or speed limit is established
8 under this section, the State Highway Administration [shall]:

9 (I) SHALL place signs designating the zone [and the maximum
10 speed limits in it]; AND

11 (II) MAY PLACE OTHER TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, INCLUDING
12 TIMED FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS.

13 (2) THE SIGNS DESIGNATING A SCHOOL ZONE SHALL INDICATE THE
14 MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT AND THAT FINES ARE DOUBLED FOR SPEEDING IN THE
15 ZONE.

16 (3) The political subdivision shall pay the State Highway Administration
17 the cost of placing and maintaining these signs AND OTHER TRAFFIC CONTROL
18 DEVICES.

19 (c) A maximum speed limit AND INCREASED PENALTIES established under
20 this section [is effective] ARE IN EFFECT when posted on appropriate signs giving
21 notice [of the limit].

22 (D) A PERSON MAY NOT DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE AT A SPEED EXCEEDING
23 THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT WITHIN ANY ZONE DESIGNATED UNDER THIS SECTION.

24 27-101.

25 (R) ANY PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF § 21-803.1(D) OF THIS
26 ARTICLE (FINES DOUBLED FOR SPEEDING WITHIN SCHOOL ZONES) IS SUBJECT TO A
27 FINE:

28 (1) DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE FOR THE VIOLATION THAT
29 WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY; BUT

30 (2) NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 October 1, 1998.