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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles - School Zones - Maximum Speed Limits**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to establish certain
4 speed zones after a request from a political subdivision under certain
5 circumstances; prohibiting the State Highway Administration from establishing
6 a maximum speed limit in a school zone in excess of a certain speed; and
7 generally relating to maximum speed limits in school zones.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 21-803.1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 21-803.1.

17 (a) (1) ~~On~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON the
18 request of any political subdivision, the State Highway Administration ~~{may}~~ ~~SHALL~~
19 establish speed zones and maximum speed limits within a half-mile radius of any
20 school located adjacent to any highway in the political subdivision.

21 (2) AT ANY LOCATION ON A HIGHWAY WHERE A SCHOOL CROSSING
22 GUARD IS POSTED TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN CROSSING THE HIGHWAY, ON REQUEST

1 OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH THE HIGHWAY CROSSING IS LOCATED,
2 THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH SPEED ZONES AND
3 MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS IN THE VICINITY OF THE HIGHWAY CROSSING.

4 (b) On each highway where a speed zone or speed limit is established under
5 this section, the State Highway Administration shall place signs designating the zone
6 and the maximum speed limits in it. The political subdivision shall pay the State
7 Highway Administration the cost of placing and maintaining these signs.

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

10 (D) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM
11 SPEED LIMIT UNDER THIS SECTION THAT EXCEEDS 35 MILES PER HOUR.

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