

SENATE BILL 44

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By: **Senators Edwards, Astle, Cassilly, DeGrange, Eckardt, Getty, Hershey, Jennings, Klausmeier, Manno, Mathias, Middleton, Norman, Peters, Reilly, Salling, Shank, and Waugh**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Maximum Speed Limits on Highways**

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

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
6 Article – Transportation
7 Section 21–801.1(b) and (d)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 21–801.1(e)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 21–801.1.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

2 (1) 15 miles an hour in alleys in Baltimore County;

3 (2) 30 miles an hour on:

4 (i) All highways in a business district; and

5 (ii) Undivided highways in a residential district;

6 (3) 35 miles an hour on divided highways in a residential district;

7 (4) 50 miles an hour on undivided highways in other locations; and

8 (5) 55 miles an hour on divided highways in other locations.

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

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

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

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.