# HOUSE BILL 1236

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#### By: **Delegates Arentz, Ghrist, and Jacobs** Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2025 Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

# Queen Anne's County – Municipalities – Speed Limits

- FOR the purpose of authorizing municipalities in Queen Anne's County to decrease the
  maximum speed limit to not less than a certain speed on highways without
  performing an engineering and traffic investigation; and generally relating to speed
  limits on highways in municipalities in Queen Anne's County.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article Transportation
- 9 Section 21–803(a)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

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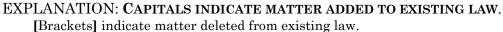
### Article – Transportation

15 21-803.

16 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (3) through [(5)] (6) of this 17 subsection, if, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, a local authority 18 determines that any maximum speed limit specified in this subtitle is greater or less than 19 reasonable or safe under existing conditions on any part of a highway in its jurisdiction, it 20 may establish a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit for that part of the highway, 21 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
$egin{array}{c} 6 \ 7 \ 8 \end{array}$	(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	(4)	(i)	This paragraph applies only to:
14			1. Anne Arundel County and Montgomery County; and
$\begin{array}{c} 15\\ 16\end{array}$	Montgomery Coun	ıty.	2. Municipalities located in Anne Arundel County and
17 18 19	(ii) A local authority 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.		
$20 \\ 21 \\ 22$	(iii) A local authority may not implement a new speed monitoring system to enforce speed limits on any portion of a highway for which the speed limit has been decreased under this paragraph.		
$\begin{array}{c} 23\\ 24 \end{array}$	(5) Baltimore City may, without performing an engineering and traffic investigation:		
$\frac{25}{26}$	jurisdiction; or	(i)	Decrease the maximum speed limit on a highway under its
27 28	limit on a highway	(ii) v under	Increase to a previously established level the maximum speed its jurisdiction.
<ul> <li>(6) A MUNICIPALITY LOCATED IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY MAY</li> <li>DECREASE THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT TO NOT LESS THAN 15 MILES PER HOUR ON</li> <li>A HIGHWAY WITHOUT PERFORMING AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC</li> <li>INVESTIGATION.</li> </ul>			

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 2 October 1, 2025.