



# Montgomery County

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**HB 963**

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**SPONSOR: Montgomery County Delegation**

**ASSIGNED TO: Environment and Transportation**

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**POSITION: SUPPORT**

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### Montgomery County – Highways – Maximum Speed Limits MC 1-25

House Bill 963 authorizes a local authority in Montgomery County to decrease the maximum speed limit on a highway without performing an engineering and traffic study.

The legislation represents a small step forward in Montgomery County's continuing commitment to eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries through its Vision Zero plan. The bill does not impact the County's authority to perform such studies. A similar measure passed the House in 2024 that included a provision to allow after one year the deployment of automated traffic enforcement (ATE) on roads with reduced speed limits. House Bill 963 does not include any ATE provision.

The County supports House Bill 963 and would urge a favorable report from the Committee.