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TRANSPORTATION

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BY RANTS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the speed limit on interstate and fully
2 controlled-access, divided, multilaned highways for certain
3 motor vehicles.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.285, subsection 6, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions, the speed
4 limit ~~for all vehicular traffic~~ on fully controlled-access,
5 divided, multilaned highways including the national system of
6 interstate highways is as follows:

7 a. For cars, light delivery trucks, panel delivery trucks,
8 pickups, multipurpose vehicles, and motorcycles, seventy miles
9 per hour.

10 b. For all other vehicular traffic, sixty-five miles per
11 hour.

12 PARAGRAPH DIVIDED. The department may establish a speed
13 limit of sixty-five miles per hour on certain divided,
14 multilaned highways. However, the department or cities with
15 the approval of the department may establish a lower speed
16 limit upon such highways located within the corporate limits
17 of a city. For the purposes of this subsection, a fully
18 controlled-access highway is a highway that gives preference
19 to through traffic by providing access connections with
20 selected public roads only and by prohibiting crossings at
21 grade or direct private driveway connections. A minimum speed
22 may be established by the department on the highways referred
23 to in this subsection if warranted by engineering and traffic
24 investigations.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill increases the speed limit for interstate and
27 other fully controlled-access, divided, multilaned highways
28 from 65 to 70 miles per hour for cars, light delivery trucks,
29 panel delivery trucks, pickups, multipurpose vehicles, and
30 motorcycles. The speed limit for all other vehicles on these
31 highways remains 65 miles per hour.

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