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TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE FILE
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the speed limit on interstate highways.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 243

1 Section 1. Section 321.285, subsection 6, Code 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 6. a. Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions, the
4 speed limit for all vehicular traffic on interstate roads, as
5 defined in section 306.3, is seventy miles per hour and on
6 fully controlled-access, divided, multilaned highways
7 ~~including the national system of interstate highways~~ is sixty-
8 five miles per hour.

9 b. The department may establish a speed limit of sixty-
10 five miles per hour on certain divided, multilaned highways.
11 However, the department, or cities with the approval of the
12 department, may establish a lower speed limit upon such roads
13 and highways located within the corporate limits of a city.

14 c. For the purposes of this subsection, a fully
15 controlled-access highway is a highway that gives preference
16 to through traffic by providing access connections with
17 selected public roads only and by prohibiting crossings at
18 grade or direct private driveway connections.

19 d. A minimum speed may be established by the department on
20 the highways referred to in this subsection if warranted by
21 engineering and traffic investigations.

22 e. It is further provided that any kind of vehicle,
23 implement, or conveyance incapable of attaining and
24 maintaining a speed of forty miles per hour shall be
25 prohibited from using the interstate road system.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill increases the speed limit for vehicles on
28 interstate highways from 65 to 70 miles per hour.

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FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for House File 243 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 243 increases the speed limit for vehicles on interstate highways from 65 to 70 miles per hour.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. There are 782 miles of interstate highway in Iowa with an estimated 450 speed limit signs.
2. The Department of Transportation has two options for changing speed limit signs: 1) Installation of overlays on existing signs 2) Installation of new signs.
3. The cost for the Department to install overlays on existing signs is estimated at \$80 per sign. The cost to install new signs is estimated at \$270 per sign. These costs include materials, labor, and equipment.

FISCAL EFFECT

House File 243 will cost the Primary Road Fund between \$36,000 and \$122,000 to change the speed limit signing on the interstate highways.

SOURCE

Department of Transportation

(LSB 1512hh, RKM)

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