

TRANSPORTATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the speed limit on interstate and fully
2 controlled-access, divided, multilaned highways.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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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 fully controlled-
5 access, divided, multilaned highways including the national
6 system of interstate highways is ~~sixty-five~~ seventy miles per
7 hour.

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

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

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

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

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 all vehicles.

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