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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act increasing speed limits on certain multilaned, divided  
2 highways and primary highways.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.285, subsections 4 through 6, Code  
2 2003, are amended to read as follows:

3 4. Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions, the speed  
4 limit for all vehicular traffic ~~shall be fifty-five~~ is sixty  
5 miles per hour.

6 5. Reasonable and proper, but not greater than fifty-five  
7 miles per hour at any time between sunrise and sunset, and not  
8 greater than fifty miles per hour at any time between sunset  
9 and sunrise, on secondary roads unless. However, if such  
10 roads are surfaced with concrete or asphalt or a combination  
11 of both, ~~in which case the speed limits shall be the same as~~  
12 ~~provided in subsection 4 of this section~~ limit is fifty-five  
13 miles per hour at all times of day. When the board of  
14 supervisors of any county shall determine upon the basis of an  
15 engineering and traffic investigation that the speed limit on  
16 any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper  
17 under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or  
18 other place or upon any part of a secondary road, the board  
19 shall determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed  
20 limit at the intersection or other part of the secondary road.  
21 The speed limits as determined by the board of supervisors  
22 shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice of the  
23 speed limits are erected by the board of supervisors at the  
24 intersection or other place or part of the highway.

25 6. a. Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions, the  
26 speed limit for all vehicular traffic on fully controlled-  
27 access, divided, multilaned highways including the national  
28 system of interstate highways is ~~sixty-five~~ seventy miles per  
29 hour. The department may establish a speed limit of ~~sixty-~~  
30 ~~five~~ seventy miles per hour on certain divided, multilaned  
31 highways. However, the department, or cities a city with the  
32 approval of the department, may establish a lower speed limit  
33 upon on such highways located within the corporate limits of a  
34 city. For the purposes of this subsection, a fully  
35 controlled-access highway is a highway that gives preference

1 to through traffic by providing access connections with  
2 selected public roads only and by prohibiting crossings at  
3 grade or direct private driveway connections.

4 b. A minimum speed may be established by the department on  
5 the highways referred to in this subsection if warranted by  
6 engineering and traffic investigations.

7 c. ~~It is further provided that any~~ Any kind of vehicle,  
8 implement, or conveyance incapable of attaining and  
9 maintaining a speed of forty miles per hour shall be  
10 prohibited from using the interstate road system.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill increases the speed limit for all vehicles on  
13 fully controlled-access, divided, multilaned highways,  
14 including interstates, from 65 to 70 miles per hour. The  
15 state department of transportation may establish a 70-mile-  
16 per-hour speed limit on other divided, multilaned highways.  
17 The department and cities retain the authority to lower the  
18 speed limit within the corporate limits of a city.

19 The bill also increases the speed limit on primary highways  
20 from 55 to 60 miles per hour. Current scheduled fines for  
21 speeding violations under Code section 805.8A are applicable  
22 to violations of the new speed limits.

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