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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the speed limit for vehicles with a gross
 2 weight exceeding ten thousand pounds on divided, multilaned
 3 highways.

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, Code 2003, 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~~ interstate road system is sixty-
7 five miles per hour, except that the speed limit on such
8 highways for vehicles with a gross weight exceeding ten
9 thousand pounds is fifty-five miles per hour. The department
10 may establish a speed limit of sixty-five miles per hour on
11 certain divided, multilaned highways, except that the speed
12 limit for vehicles with a gross weight exceeding ten thousand
13 pounds shall not exceed fifty-five miles per hour.

14 b. ~~However, the~~ The department, or cities a city with the
15 approval of the department, may establish a lower speed limit
16 upon such highways on a highway described in this subsection
17 that is located within the corporate limits of a city. For
18 ~~the purposes of this subsection, a fully controlled access~~
19 ~~highway is a highway that gives preference to through traffic~~
20 ~~by providing access connections with selected public roads~~
21 ~~only and by prohibiting crossings at grade or direct private~~
22 ~~driveway connections.~~

23 c. A minimum speed may be established by the department on
24 the highways referred to in this subsection if warranted by
25 engineering and traffic investigations.

26 d. ~~It is further provided that any~~ Any kind of vehicle,
27 implement, or conveyance incapable of attaining and
28 maintaining a speed of forty miles per hour shall be
29 prohibited from using the interstate road system.

30 e. For the purposes of this subsection, a fully
31 controlled access highway is a highway that gives preference
32 to through traffic by providing access connections with
33 selected public roads only and by prohibiting crossings at
34 grade or direct private driveway connections.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill reduces the maximum allowable speed limit to 55
2 miles per hour on divided, multilaned highways, including
3 controlled-access highways and interstate highways, for
4 vehicles with a gross weight exceeding 10,000 pounds. The
5 bill retains the current 65 mile per hour speed limit
6 allowable for other vehicles traveling on such highways.

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