

**Senate File 76 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act increasing the default speed limit on hard surface roads  
2 to sixty miles per hour.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.285, subsection 3, Code 2011, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Unless otherwise provided in this section or by other  
4 speed restrictions, the speed limit for all vehicular traffic  
5 shall be ~~fifty-five~~ sixty miles per hour.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill increases the speed limit from 55 to 60 miles per  
8 hour on hard surface roads that are not subject to other speed  
9 restrictions. The new speed limit applies on primary roads  
10 other than certain divided, multilaned highways with a speed  
11 limit of 65 miles per hour and on interstates, where the speed  
12 limit is typically 70 miles per hour. The new speed limit also  
13 applies on secondary roads surfaced with concrete or asphalt.  
14 Under the bill, the department of transportation retains the  
15 authority to lower the speed limit on any part of the primary  
16 road system, and counties retain the right to lower the speed  
17 limit on secondary roads.