

House File 160 - Introduced

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BY SIEGRIST

A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the speed limit on the interstate road
2 system.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.285, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
2 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions, the speed
4 limit for all vehicular traffic on fully controlled-access,
5 divided, multilaned highways is sixty-five miles per hour.
6 However, the speed limit for all vehicular traffic on highways
7 that are part of the interstate road system, ~~as defined in~~
8 ~~section 306.3~~, is seventy seventy-five miles per hour. The
9 department may establish a speed limit of sixty-five miles per
10 hour on certain divided, multilaned highways not otherwise
11 described in this paragraph.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 Current law provides that the speed limit for all vehicular
16 traffic is 55 miles per hour (mph) unless otherwise provided
17 for by other speed restrictions. The speed limit on highways
18 that are part of the interstate road system is 70 mph.

19 This bill increases the speed limit on highways that are part
20 of the interstate road system to 75 mph.

21 A violation of a speed restriction is punishable by a
22 scheduled fine with the amount of the fine determined by the
23 speed in excess of the limit under Code section 805.8A(5)
24 (speed violations), 805.8A(10) (school bus violations), or
25 805.8A(14)(i) (road work zone violations). However, a school
26 bus violation of more than 10 mph in excess of the limit
27 is not a scheduled violation and is punishable as a simple
28 misdemeanor. A simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement
29 for no more than 30 days or a fine of at least \$105 but not more
30 than \$855 or by both.