
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2820

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives
Condotta, Armstrong, Haler, and Williams)

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1 AN ACT Relating to speed limits on state highways adjacent to
2 certain cities and towns; and amending RCW 46.61.405.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.405 and 1987 c 397 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Whenever the secretary of transportation shall determine upon the
7 basis of an engineering and traffic investigation or when requested to
8 do so by the legislative authority of a city with a population of one
9 thousand five hundred or less that any maximum speed hereinbefore set
10 forth is greater than is reasonable or safe with respect to a state
11 highway under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or upon
12 any other part of the state highway system or at state ferry terminals,
13 or that a general reduction of any maximum speed set forth in RCW
14 46.61.400 is necessary in order to comply with a national maximum speed
15 limit, the secretary may determine and declare a reasonable and safe
16 lower maximum limit or a lower maximum limit which will comply with a
17 national maximum speed limit, for any state highway, the entire state
18 highway system, or any portion thereof, which shall be effective when
19 appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected. If requested by

1 a city with a population of one thousand five hundred or less, the
2 lower maximum limit must reflect the limit requested by the city, if
3 the requested limit is on a state highway within the city. The
4 secretary may also fix and regulate the speed of vehicles on any state
5 highway within the maximum speed limit allowed by this chapter for
6 special occasions including, but not limited to, local parades and
7 other special events. Any such maximum speed limit may be declared to
8 be effective at all times or at such times as are indicated upon the
9 said signs; and differing limits may be established for different times
10 of day, different types of vehicles, varying weather conditions, and
11 other factors bearing on safe speeds, which shall be effective ((+a+))
12 (1) when posted upon appropriate fixed or variable signs or ((+b+)) (2)
13 if a maximum limit is established for auto stages which is lower than
14 the limit for automobiles, the auto stage speed limit shall become
15 effective thirty days after written notice thereof is mailed in the
16 manner provided in ((~~subsection (4) of~~)) RCW 46.61.410(4), as now or
17 hereafter amended.

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