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Senate Bill 627

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to the Committee on Transportation and

Infrastructure]

1   A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-6-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating

2   to the establishment of an eighty-mile per hour speed limit on interstate highways and

3   four-lane limited access highways in this state; and providing an exception for those

4   highways passing through city limits.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1   That §17C-6-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and

2   reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6. SPEED RESTRICTIONS.

§17C-6-2. Establishment of state speed zones.

1   Whenever the ~~state road commissioner~~ Commissioner of Highways ~~shall~~ determines upon

2   the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any speed limit set forth in this article is

3   greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any intersection

4   or other place or upon any part of a highway, ~~said~~ the commissioner may determine and declare

5   a reasonable and safe speed limit thereat which shall be effective at all times or during hours of

6   daylight or darkness or at such other times as may be determined when appropriate signs giving

7   notice thereof are erected at such intersection or other place or part of the highway.

8   Effective July 1, 2017, the commissioner shall establish a speed limit of eighty miles per

9   hour on interstate highways and four-lane limited access highways in this state: *Provided*, That

10   this increased speed limit does not apply to interstate highways and four-lane limited access

11   highways that pass through the city limits of municipalities.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish an eighty mile per hour speed limit on interstate highways and four-lane limited access highways in this state. The bill provides an exception for those highways passing through city limits.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.