

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2021 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

### Senate Bill 331

FISCAL  
NOTE

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[Introduced February 18, 2021; referred  
to the Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance]

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 80 miles per hour speed limit on interstate highways and four-  
 3 lane limited access highways in this state; and providing an exception for portions of those  
 4 highways passing through city limits.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 6. SPEED RESTRICTIONS.**

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

1 (a) Whenever the State Road Commissioner shall determine upon the basis of an  
 2 engineering and traffic investigation that any speed limit set forth in this article is greater or less  
 3 than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place  
 4 or upon any part of a highway, ~~said~~ the commissioner may determine and declare a reasonable  
 5 and safe speed limit thereat which shall be effective at all times or during hours of daylight or  
 6 darkness or at such other times as may be determined when appropriate signs giving notice  
 7 thereof are erected at such intersection or other place or part of the highway.

8 (b) Effective July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall establish a speed limit of 80 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 portions of interstate highways and four-lane limited  
 11 access highways that pass through the city limits of municipalities.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish an 80 mile per hour speed limit on interstate highways and four-lane limited access highways in this state. The bill provides an exception for portions of 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.