

HOUSE BILL No. 1149

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-21-5-2.

Synopsis: Speed limit for larger motor vehicles. Provides that the maximum speed limit for a vehicle having a declared gross weight greater than 26,000 pounds operated on a highway that is: (1) on the national system of interstate and defense highways located outside an urbanized area (as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101) with a population of at least 50,000; or (2) the responsibility of the Indiana finance authority; is 70 miles per hour. (Current law provides that the speed limit for those vehicles is 65 miles per hour.)

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-21-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,
2 SECTION 163, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. Except when a special hazard
4 exists that requires lower speed for compliance with section 1 of this
5 chapter, the slower speed limit specified in this section or established
6 as authorized by section 3 of this chapter is the maximum lawful speed.
7 A person may not drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of
8 the following maximum limits:
9 (1) Thirty (30) miles per hour in an urban district.
10 (2) Fifty-five (55) miles per hour, except as provided in
11 subdivisions (1), (3), (4), (5), **and** (6). ~~and (7)~~.
12 (3) Seventy (70) miles per hour on a highway on the national
13 system of interstate and defense highways located outside of an
14 urbanized area (as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101) with a population of
15 at least fifty thousand (50,000). ~~except as provided in subdivision~~
16 ~~(4)~~.



- 1 ~~(4)~~ **Sixty-five (65) miles per hour for a vehicle (other than a bus)**
 2 **having a declared gross weight greater than twenty-six thousand**
 3 **(26,000) pounds on a highway on the national system of interstate**
 4 **and defense highways located outside an urbanized area (as**
 5 **defined in 23 U.S.C. 101) with a population of at least fifty**
 6 **thousand (50,000).**
- 7 ~~(5)~~ **(4) Sixty-five (65) miles per hour on:**
 8 (A) U.S. 20 from the intersection of U.S. 20 and County Road
 9 17 in Elkhart County to the intersection of U.S. 20 and U.S. 31
 10 in St. Joseph County;
 11 (B) U.S. 31 from the intersection of U.S. 31 and U.S. 20 in St.
 12 Joseph County to the boundary line between Indiana and
 13 Michigan; and
 14 (C) a highway classified by the Indiana department of
 15 transportation as an INDOT Freeway.
- 16 ~~(6)~~ **(5) Seventy (70) miles per hour** on a highway that is the
 17 responsibility of the Indiana finance authority established by
 18 IC 4-4-11.
- 19 (A) **seventy (70) miles per hour for:**
 20 (i) **a motor vehicle having a declared gross weight of not**
 21 **more than twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds; or**
 22 (ii) **a bus; or**
 23 (B) **sixty-five (65) miles per hour for a motor vehicle having**
 24 **a declared gross weight greater than twenty-six thousand**
 25 **(26,000) pounds.**
- 26 ~~(7)~~ **(6) Sixty (60) miles per hour** on a highway that:
 27 (A) is not designated as a part of the national system of
 28 interstate and defense highways;
 29 (B) has four (4) or more lanes;
 30 (C) is divided into two (2) or more roadways by:
 31 (i) an intervening space that is unimproved and not intended
 32 for vehicular travel;
 33 (ii) a physical barrier; or
 34 (iii) a dividing section constructed to impede vehicular
 35 traffic; and
 36 (D) is located outside an urbanized area (as defined in 23
 37 U.S.C. 101) with a population of at least fifty thousand
 38 (50,000).
- 39 ~~(8)~~ **(7) Fifteen (15) miles per hour** in an alley.

