

HOUSE BILL 619

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 206

By: **Delegates Barve, Branch, Clagett, Gilchrist, Luedtke, and F. Turner**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2013

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Intercounty Connector – Maximum Speed Limit**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum speed limit on the Intercounty
4 Connector; defining a certain term; making this Act an emergency measure; and
5 generally relating to maximum speed limits.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Transportation
8 Section 4–321(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 21–801.1(b), (d), and (e)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 21–801.1(g)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2012 Replacement Volume)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Transportation**

24 4–321.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) In this section, “Intercounty Connector” means the
2 east–west multimodal highway in Montgomery and Prince George’s counties between
3 Interstate 270 and Interstate 95/U.S. Route 1, as described in the 2005 – 2010
4 Consolidated Transportation Plan.

5 21–801.1.

6 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the maximum speed limits
7 are:

8 (1) 15 miles an hour in alleys in Baltimore County;

9 (2) 30 miles an hour on:

10 (i) All highways in a business district; and

11 (ii) Undivided highways in a residential district;

12 (3) 35 miles an hour on divided highways in a residential district;

13 (4) 50 miles an hour on undivided highways in other locations; and

14 (5) 55 miles an hour on divided highways in other locations.

15 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a maximum speed
16 limit specified in subsection (b) of this section or in effect under subsection (c) of this
17 section may be altered as provided in this subtitle.

18 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, a maximum
19 speed limit of more than 55 miles an hour may not be established or continued on any
20 highway in this State that:

21 (i) Is not an interstate highway or an expressway; or

22 (ii) Would subject the State to federal funding sanctions under
23 23 United States Code § 154.

24 (2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a
25 maximum speed limit of more than 65 miles an hour may not be established on any
26 highway in the State.

27 **(G) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR” HAS THE**
28 **MEANING STATED IN § 4–321 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

1 **(2) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE**
2 **MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR THE INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR IS 60 MILES AN**
3 **HOUR.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
5 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
6 has been passed by a yea or nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
7 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
8 the date it is enacted.