

HOUSE BILL 628

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Speeding Violations on Maryland Route 210 (Indian**
3 **Head Highway) – Fines**

4 **PG 301–21**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing certain fines for certain violations of the prohibition
6 against exceeding the maximum posted speed limit on Maryland Route 210 (Indian
7 Head Highway) in Prince George's County; making stylistic changes; and generally
8 relating to fines for speeding violations on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head
9 Highway) in Prince George's County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 21–801.1
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 21–801.1.

19 (a) **(1)** Unless there is a special danger that requires a lower speed to comply
20 with § 21–801 of this subtitle, the limits specified in this section or otherwise established
21 under this subtitle are maximum lawful speeds.

22 **(2)** A person may not drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed that exceeds
23 these limits.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

2 (1) 15 miles per hour in alleys in Baltimore County;

3 (2) 30 miles per hour on:

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

5 (ii) Undivided highways in a residential district;

6 (3) 35 miles per hour on divided highways in a residential district;

7 (4) 50 miles per hour on undivided highways in other locations; and

8 (5) 55 miles per hour on divided highways in other locations.

9 (c) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a posted maximum speed
10 limit lawfully in effect on December 31, 1974, is a maximum lawful speed even if it differs
11 from a limit specified in subsection (b) of this section.

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

15 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, a maximum speed
16 limit of more than 55 miles per hour may not be established or continued on any highway
17 in this State that is not an interstate highway or an expressway.

18 (2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a
19 maximum speed limit of more than 70 miles per hour may not be established on any
20 highway in the State.

21 (f) (1) Unless otherwise posted on a public road in a residential subdivision,
22 in residential subdivisions in St. Mary's County, a posted speed limit on a main access road
23 applies to all public roads in the residential subdivision, even if the posted speed limit on
24 the main access road is less than 30 miles per hour.

25 (2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection do not apply when a
26 through road traverses a residential subdivision. The maximum speed limit applicable to
27 the subdivision shall be posted on each road exiting off the through road and into the
28 subdivision, along with the posting on the main access road.

29 (3) A maximum speed limit established under this subsection in a
30 residential subdivision shall be based on the subdivision's road design, motor vehicle traffic,
31 and pedestrian safety.

1 **(G) A PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION FOR**
2 **EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT ON MARYLAND ROUTE 210**
3 **(INDIAN HEAD HIGHWAY) IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY IS SUBJECT TO A FINE AS**
4 **FOLLOWS:**

5 **(1) FOR EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT BY 1 TO 9**
6 **MILES PER HOUR, \$530 OR, IF THE VIOLATION CONTRIBUTED TO AN ACCIDENT,**
7 **\$570;**

8 **(2) FOR EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT BY 10 TO 19**
9 **MILES PER HOUR, \$540 OR, IF THE VIOLATION CONTRIBUTED TO AN ACCIDENT,**
10 **\$580;**

11 **(3) FOR EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT BY 20 TO 29**
12 **MILES PER HOUR, \$610 OR, IF THE VIOLATION CONTRIBUTED TO AN ACCIDENT,**
13 **\$650;**

14 **(4) FOR EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT BY 30 TO 39**
15 **MILES PER HOUR, \$740 OR, IF THE VIOLATION CONTRIBUTED TO AN ACCIDENT,**
16 **\$780; OR**

17 **(5) FOR EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT BY 40**
18 **MILES PER HOUR OR MORE, \$980 OR, IF THE VIOLATION CONTRIBUTED TO AN**
19 **ACCIDENT, \$1,020.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2021.