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Introduced by Representatives Dolan of Waitsfield, McGill of Bridport,
Andriano of Orwell, Anthony of Barre City, Bluemle of
Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro,
Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Christie of Hartford, Jerome of
Brandon, LaBounty of Lyndon, LaLonde of South Burlington,
Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Torre of Moretown,
and White of Bethel

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; pedestrian safety; traffic calming; crosswalks; speed
limits; Traffic Committee

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow
municipalities to seasonally install in-street pedestrian crossing signs in
crosswalks, allow municipalities to lower certain speed limits on State
highways, and express the General Assembly's intent that the Traffic
Committee should not increase the speed limit on a State highway in response
to a municipality's request that the speed limit be lowered.

An act relating to pedestrian safety

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 * * * In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Signs * * *

3 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1030 is added to read:

4 § 1030. IN-STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNS

5 Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 1111, municipalities may install in-street
6 pedestrian crossing signs in nonsignalized crosswalks on State and town
7 highways. In-street pedestrian crossing signs may continuously remain in
8 crosswalks from May 1 until October 15.

9 * * * Speed Limits * * *

10 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 1007(b) is amended to read:

11 (b)(1) The legislative body of a ~~city~~ municipality may establish, on the
12 basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, a speed limit on all or a part
13 of any State highway, other than a limited access highway, within its
14 jurisdiction, ~~which~~ that:

15 ~~(1)(A)~~ is not more than 50 miles per hour; or

16 ~~(2)(B)~~ is not less than 25 miles per hour.

17 (2) The legislative body of a town or incorporated village containing a
18 downtown development district, village center, or new town center
19 development district designated under 24 V.S.A. chapter 76A may establish a
20 speed limit of 25 miles per hour on all or a part of any State highway, other

1 than a limited access highway, within the downtown development district,
2 village center, or new town center.

3 Sec. 3. MUNICIPAL REQUESTS TO CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT ON A
4 STATE HIGHWAY

5 It is the intent of the General Assembly that when the Traffic Committee
6 receives a request from a municipality to have the speed limit on a State
7 highway, other than a limited access highway, within that municipality
8 lowered that the Traffic Committee does not subsequently increase the speed
9 limit in question even if the engineering and traffic investigation indicates that
10 the speed limit could safely be increased. The speed limit in question should
11 only be increased if the engineering and traffic investigation indicates that not
12 doing so will create a greater safety hazard for the traveling public.

13 * * * Effective Date * * *

14 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on passage.