

ENROLLED ACT NO. 22, SENATE

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2011 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to speed limits; specifying who can establish speed limits; amending the process for altering speed limits; adopting default speed limits for residence districts, subdivisions and paved and unpaved roadways as specified; adding definitions; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 31-5-102(a) by creating new paragraphs (lxiv) through (lxvi), 31-5-301(b)(ii) and (iv), 31-5-303(b) and 31-5-304(b) are amended to read:

31-5-102. Definitions.

(a) Except as otherwise provided, as used in this act:

(lxiv) "Paved" means a roadway which is covered by hot-rolled asphalt or concrete but is not constructed solely of recycled asphalt;

(lxv) "Unpaved" means a roadway which is not paved;

(lxvi) "Subdivision" means a portion of land for which a subdivision permit has been issued pursuant to W.S. 18-5-304.

31-5-301. Maximum speed limits.

(b) Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with subsection (a) of this section, the limits specified in this subsection or established as otherwise authorized shall be maximum lawful

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speeds and no person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of maximum limits:

(ii) Thirty (30) miles per hour in any urban district and in any residence district or subdivision except on roads that have been designated a private road pursuant to W.S. 18-5-306(a)(vii);

(iv) For all other locations, sixty-five (65) miles per hour in other locations where the roadway is paved and fifty-five (55) miles per hour where the roadway is unpaved;

31-5-303. Establishing maximum speed limits by local authorities.

(b) In compliance with rules promulgated by the department, local authorities in their respective jurisdictions shall may determine by an engineering and a traffic investigation the proper maximum speed for all streets and highways within their city limits under their respective corporate jurisdiction and shall declare a which maximum speed is reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon and which may be greater or less than the maximum speed permitted under this act. for an urban district The rules promulgated by the department shall adopt standards consistent with national practices.

31-5-304. Minimum speed limits.

(b) Whenever the superintendent ~~or local authorities~~ determines within their respective jurisdictions ~~determine~~ on the basis of an engineering and a traffic investigation that slow speeds on any part of a highway consistently impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, the superintendent ~~or local authority~~ may determine and declare

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a minimum speed limit below which no person shall drive a vehicle except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law and that limit is effective when posted upon appropriate fixed or variable signs. A local authority may make the determination permitted under this subsection by complying with rules adopted by the department for this purpose, which rules shall adopt standards consistent with national practices.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2011.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk