

**SB3668**



**96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Introduced 2/11/2010, by Sen. Dale E. Risinger

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

625 ILCS 5/11-601

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-601

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Increases the maximum speed limit outside an urban district and outside of the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will to 70 miles per hour (instead of 65 miles per hour) for vehicles of the second division weighing more than 8,000 pounds on specified types of highways.

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**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 11-601, 11-602, and 11-603 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-601) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-601)

7 Sec. 11-601. General speed restrictions.

8 (a) No vehicle may be driven upon any highway of this State  
9 at a speed which is greater than is reasonable and proper with  
10 regard to traffic conditions and the use of the highway, or  
11 endangers the safety of any person or property. The fact that  
12 the speed of a vehicle does not exceed the applicable maximum  
13 speed limit does not relieve the driver from the duty to  
14 decrease speed when approaching and crossing an intersection,  
15 approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill  
16 crest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, or  
17 when special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or other  
18 traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions. Speed  
19 must be decreased as may be necessary to avoid colliding with  
20 any person or vehicle on or entering the highway in compliance  
21 with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due  
22 care.

23 (b) No person may drive a vehicle upon any highway of this

1 State at a speed which is greater than the applicable statutory  
2 maximum speed limit established by paragraphs (c), (d), (e),  
3 (f) or (g) of this Section, by Section 11-605 or by a  
4 regulation or ordinance made under this Chapter.

5 (c) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
6 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit in an urban  
7 district for all vehicles is:

- 8 1. 30 miles per hour; and
- 9 2. 15 miles per hour in an alley.

10 (d) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
11 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
12 district for any vehicle of the first division or a second  
13 division vehicle designed or used for the carrying of a gross  
14 weight of 8,000 pounds or less (including the weight of the  
15 vehicle and maximum load) is (1) 65 miles per hour (i) for all  
16 highways under the jurisdiction of the Illinois State Toll  
17 Highway Authority and (ii) for all or part of highways that are  
18 designated by the Department, have at least 4 lanes of traffic,  
19 and have a separation between the roadways moving in opposite  
20 directions and (2) 55 miles per hour for all other highways,  
21 roads, and streets.

22 (e) In the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry,  
23 and Will, unless some lesser speed restriction is established  
24 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
25 district for a second division vehicle designed or used for the  
26 carrying of a gross weight of 8,001 pounds or more (including

1 the weight of the vehicle and maximum load) is 55 miles per  
2 hour.

3 (e-1) Outside the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake,  
4 McHenry, and Will, unless some lesser speed restriction is  
5 established under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside  
6 an urban district for a second division vehicle designed or  
7 used for the carrying of a gross weight of 8,001 pounds or more  
8 (including the weight of the vehicle and maximum load) is (1)  
9 70 ~~65~~ miles per hour on any interstate highway as defined by  
10 Section 1-133.1 of this Code, and (2) 55 miles per hour for all  
11 other highways, roads, and streets.

12 (f) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
13 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
14 district for a bus is:

15 1. 65 miles per hour upon any highway which has at  
16 least 4 lanes of traffic and of which the roadways for  
17 traffic moving in opposite directions are separated by a  
18 strip of ground which is not surfaced or suitable for  
19 vehicular traffic, except that the maximum speed limit for  
20 a bus on all highways, roads, or streets not under the  
21 jurisdiction of the Department or the Illinois State Toll  
22 Highway Authority is 55 miles per hour; and

23 2. 55 miles per hour on any other highway.

24 (g) (Blank).

25 (Source: P.A. 96-524, eff. 1-1-10.)