



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB2901

Introduced 2/4/2014, by Sen. Jim Oberweis

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-601

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

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, unless some other speed restriction is established under the Illinois Vehicle Code, the speed limit for any vehicle is (1) 70 miles per hour on any interstate highway as defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code; (2) 65 miles per hour for all or part of highways that are designated by the Department, have at least 4 lanes of traffic, and have a separation between the roadways moving in opposite directions; and (3) 55 miles per hour for all other highways, roads, and streets regardless of whether or not the highway is within an urban district. Provides that the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison, McHenry, St. Clair, and Will may adopt ordinances setting a maximum speed limit on highways, roads, and streets that is lower than these limits. Effective immediately.

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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 Section 11-601 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 is (1) 65 miles per hour (i) for all  
13 highways under the jurisdiction of the Illinois State Toll  
14 Highway Authority, unless some other speed limit is designated,  
15 and (ii) for all or part of highways that are designated by the  
16 Department, have at least 4 lanes of traffic, and have a  
17 separation between the roadways moving in opposite directions  
18 and (2) 55 miles per hour for all other highways, roads, and  
19 streets.

20 (d-1) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
21 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit ~~outside an urban~~  
22 ~~district~~ for any vehicle is (1) 70 miles per hour on any  
23 interstate highway as defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code;  
24 (2) 65 miles per hour for all or part of highways that are  
25 designated by the Department, have at least 4 lanes of traffic,  
26 and have a separation between the roadways moving in opposite

1 directions; and (3) 55 miles per hour for all other highways,  
2 roads, and streets. The counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake,  
3 Madison, McHenry, St. Clair, and Will may adopt ordinances  
4 setting a maximum speed limit on highways, roads, and streets  
5 that is lower than the limits established by this Section.

6 (e) In the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry,  
7 and Will, unless some lesser speed restriction is established  
8 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
9 district for a second division vehicle designed or used for the  
10 carrying of a gross weight of 8,001 pounds or more (including  
11 the weight of the vehicle and maximum load) is 55 miles per  
12 hour.

13 (e-1) (Blank).

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

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

25 1.5. 70 miles per hour upon any interstate highway as  
26 defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code outside the

1 counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will;  
2 and

3 2. 55 miles per hour on any other highway.

4 (g) (Blank).

5 (Source: P.A. 97-202, eff. 1-1-12; 98-511, eff. 1-1-14.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.