

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS75133-MA-136 (1/31)

Short Title: Speed Limit Signs at Highway On-Ramps. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Vaughan.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ERECT SPEED
3 LIMIT SIGNS ON ANY ON-RAMP TO A HIGHWAY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-141(d) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d) (1) Whenever the Department of Transportation determines on the basis of an
7 engineering and traffic investigation that any speed allowed by subsection
8 (b) is greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist
9 upon any part of a highway outside the corporate limits of a municipality or
10 upon any part of a highway designated as part of the Interstate Highway
11 System or any part of a controlled-access highway (either inside or outside
12 the corporate limits of a municipality), the Department of Transportation
13 shall determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit.

14 (2) Whenever the Department of Transportation determines on the basis of an
15 engineering and traffic investigation that a higher maximum speed than
16 those set forth in subsection (b) is reasonable and safe under the conditions
17 found to exist upon any part of a highway designated as part of the Interstate
18 Highway System or any part of a controlled-access highway (either inside or
19 outside the corporate limits of a municipality) the Department of
20 Transportation shall determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit.
21 A speed limit set pursuant to this subsection may not exceed 70 miles per
22 hour.

23 Speed limits set pursuant to this subsection are not effective until appropriate signs giving
24 notice thereof are erected upon the parts of the highway affected. The Department of
25 Transportation shall erect speed limit signs on all on-ramps to highways to inform motorists of
26 the speed zones they are entering. The Department of Transportation shall not erect any signage
27 that would be impracticable, unfeasible, or that would result in an unsafe or hazardous
28 condition."

29 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

