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Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing an increase in the maximum speed limit for travel on certain roadways

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 1180-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended  
2     by chapter 464 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 1180-a. Maximum speed limits. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision  
4     of law, no city, village, town, county, public authority, division,  
5     office or department of the state shall maintain or create (a) any speed  
6     limit in excess of fifty-five miles per hour on any road, highway, park-  
7     way or bridge or (b) any speed limit on any other portion of a public  
8     highway, which is not uniformly applicable to all types of motor vehi-  
9     cles using such portion of highway, if on November first, nineteen  
10    hundred seventy-three, such portion of highway had a speed limit which  
11    was uniformly applicable to all types of motor vehicles using it;  
12    provided however, a lower speed limit may be established for any vehicle  
13    operating under a special permit because of any weight or dimension of  
14    such vehicle, including any load thereon, and (c) provided further,  
15    paragraph (b) of this subdivision shall not apply to any portion of a  
16    highway during such time that the condition of the highway, weather, an  
17    accident, or other condition creates a temporary hazard to the safety of  
18    traffic on such portion of a highway. However, the commissioner of the  
19    department of transportation may establish a maximum speed limit [of not  
20    more than sixty-five miles per hour] on any state roadway which meets  
21    department criteria for such maximum speed IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
22    FOLLOWING GUIDELINES: (I) SEVENTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR ON ANY INTERSTATE  
23    HIGHWAY; (II) SIXTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR FOR ALL OR PART OF HIGHWAYS THAT  
24    ARE DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT, HAVE AT LEAST FOUR LANES OF TRAFFIC,  
25    AND HAVE A SEPARATION BETWEEN THE ROADWAYS MOVING IN OPPOSITE  
26    DIRECTIONS; AND (III) FIFTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR FOR ALL OTHER HIGHWAYS,  
27    ROADS, AND STREETS.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 1-A. ANY COUNTY, THROUGH AN ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION PASSED BY ITS  
2 GOVERNING BODY, MAY ADOPT ORDINANCES SETTING A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON  
3 HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND STREETS THAT IS LOWER THAN THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED  
4 BY THIS SECTION.

5 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdi-  
6 vision one of this section, upon The Governor Thomas E. Dewey Thruway as  
7 such term is defined in section three hundred fifty-six of the public  
8 authorities law, the New York state thruway authority may establish a  
9 maximum speed limit of not more than [sixty-five] SEVENTY-FIVE miles per  
10 hour provided that such maximum allowable speed limit is established in  
11 accordance with all applicable rules and regulations.

12 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdi-  
13 vision one of this section, upon (a) the southern tier expressway from a  
14 point east of the town of Lowman, in the county of Chemung, thence  
15 generally westerly to the Pennsylvania border and from the Chemung  
16 interchange to New York touring route twenty-six, (b) interstate route  
17 eighty-one from the Pennsylvania border in Broome county to the inter-  
18 change with New York state touring route twelve in Jefferson county, (c)  
19 the Adirondack northway portion of interstate route eighty-seven from  
20 the interchange with Crescent Road in Saratoga county to the province of  
21 Quebec, (d) interstate route eighty-eight from the interchange with New  
22 York state touring route three hundred sixty-nine in Broome county to  
23 the interchange with interstate route ninety in Schenectady county, (e)  
24 interstate route three hundred ninety, known as the Genesee Expressway,  
25 from the interchange with the southern tier expressway in Steuben county  
26 to the interchange with interstate route four hundred ninety in Monroe  
27 county, (f) interstate route four hundred ninety from interstate ninety  
28 exit forty-five in Ontario county to the city of Rochester in Monroe  
29 county and from interstate ninety exit forty-seven in Genesee county to  
30 the city of Rochester in Monroe county, (g) interstate route five  
31 hundred ninety from the interchange with interstate route three hundred  
32 ninety in Monroe county to the interchange with interstate route four  
33 hundred ninety in Monroe county, (h) route seventeen from the inter-  
34 change with New York touring route three hundred ninety-four to the  
35 Pennsylvania border, (i) interstate route four hundred eighty-one from  
36 the southerly interchange with interstate route eighty-one in Onondaga  
37 county to the northerly interchange with interstate route eighty-one in  
38 Onondaga county, (j) New York state touring route four hundred eighty-  
39 one from the northerly interchange with interstate route eighty-one in  
40 Onondaga county to the city of Fulton in Oswego county, (k) interstate  
41 ninety from exit eight, in the county of Rensselaer, thence generally  
42 easterly to the interchange with the Berkshire section of The Governor  
43 Thomas E. Dewey Thruway, (l) interstate route six hundred ninety, from  
44 the city of Syracuse and town of Geddes border, thence generally wester-  
45 ly to the interchange with the New York state thruway, (m) New York  
46 state touring route six hundred ninety, from the interchange with the  
47 New York state thruway, thence generally westerly to its intersection  
48 with New York state touring route forty-eight in the town of Lysander,  
49 (n) New York state touring route six hundred ninety-five, from the  
50 interchange with interstate route six hundred ninety approximately 2.3  
51 miles to the interchange with New York state touring route five, (o) New  
52 York state touring route five from the interchange with New York state  
53 touring route six hundred ninety-five approximately 5.0 miles to the  
54 interchange with New York state touring route one hundred seventy-four  
55 in the town of Camillus, and (p) route five hundred thirty-one from the  
56 interchange with interstate route four hundred ninety in Monroe county

1 to the interchange with route thirty-six in Monroe county, and (q)  
2 United States route two hundred nineteen, from the interchange with  
3 Armor Duellies Road in the town of Orchard Park, thence generally south-  
4 erly to the interchange with New York state route thirty-nine in the  
5 town of Concord, the commissioner of the department of transportation  
6 may establish a maximum speed limit of not more than [sixty-five] SEVEN-  
7 TY-FIVE miles per hour provided that such maximum allowable speed limit  
8 is established in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations.  
9 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next  
10 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.