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Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN -- 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 minimum speed limits in cities having a population of one million or more people

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

1     Section 1. Section 1643 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by  
2 chapter 412 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 1643. Speed limits on highways in cities and villages. The legisla-  
4 tive body of any city or village with respect to highways (which term  
5 for the purposes of this section shall include private roads open to  
6 public motor vehicle traffic) in such city or village, other than state  
7 highways maintained by the state on which the department of transporta-  
8 tion shall have established higher or lower speed limits than the statu-  
9 tory fifty-five miles per hour speed limit as provided in section  
10 sixteen hundred twenty of this title, or on which the department of  
11 transportation shall have designated that such city or village shall not  
12 establish any maximum speed limit as provided in section sixteen hundred  
13 twenty-four of this title, subject to the limitations imposed by section  
14 sixteen hundred eighty-four of this title may by local law, ordinance,  
15 order, rule or regulation establish maximum speed limits at which vehi-  
16 cles may proceed within such city or village, within designated areas of  
17 such city or village or on or along designated highways within such city  
18 or village higher or lower than the fifty-five miles per hour maximum  
19 statutory limit. No such speed limit applicable throughout such city or  
20 village or within designated areas of such city or village shall be  
21 established at less than thirty miles per hour; except that IN A CITY  
22 WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE, SPEED LIMITS MAY BE ESTAB-  
23 LISHED AT NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR AND in the city of  
24 Long Beach, in the county of Nassau, speed limits may be established at  
25 not less than fifteen miles per hour on any portion of the following  
26 highways in such city: Cleveland avenue, Harding avenue, Mitchell  
27 avenue, Belmont avenue, Atlantic avenue, Coolidge avenue, Wilson avenue

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

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1 and Taft avenue. No such speed limit applicable on or along designated  
2 highways within such city or village shall be established at less than  
3 twenty-five miles per hour, except that school speed limits may be  
4 established at not less than fifteen miles per hour, for a distance not  
5 to exceed one thousand three hundred twenty feet, on a highway passing a  
6 school building, entrance or exit of a school abutting on the highway  
7 and except that within the cities of Buffalo and Rochester speed limits  
8 may be established at not less than fifteen miles per hour for any  
9 portion of a highway within a city park.  
10 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.