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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to speed  
limits; and to provide for notice to community boards regarding the  
lowering of certain speed limits

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph 26 of subdivision (a) of section 1642 of the  
2 vehicle and traffic law is renumbered paragraph 27 and a new paragraph  
3 26 is added to read as follows:  
4     26. (A) WITH RESPECT TO HIGHWAYS (WHICH TERM FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS  
5 PARAGRAPH SHALL INCLUDE PRIVATE ROADS OPEN TO PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLE TRAF-  
6 FIC) IN SUCH CITY, OTHER THAN STATE HIGHWAYS MAINTAINED BY THE STATE ON  
7 WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL HAVE ESTABLISHED HIGHER OR  
8 LOWER SPEED LIMITS THAN THE STATUTORY FIFTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR SPEED  
9 LIMIT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION SIXTEEN HUNDRED TWENTY OF THIS TITLE, OR ON  
10 WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL HAVE DESIGNATED THAT SUCH  
11 CITY SHALL NOT ESTABLISH ANY MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
12 SIXTEEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR OF THIS TITLE, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS  
13 IMPOSED BY SECTION SIXTEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR OF THIS TITLE, OR ON NEW  
14 YORK CITY ROUTES AS DEFINED IN SECTION THREE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE-F OF THE  
15 HIGHWAY LAW, ESTABLISHMENT OF MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS AT WHICH VEHICLES MAY  
16 PROCEED WITHIN SUCH CITY OR WITHIN DESIGNATED AREAS OF SUCH CITY HIGHER  
17 OR LOWER THAN THE FIFTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR MAXIMUM STATUTORY LIMIT. NO  
18 SUCH SPEED LIMIT APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT SUCH CITY OR WITHIN DESIGNATED  
19 AREAS OF SUCH CITY SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE MILES  
20 PER HOUR.  
21     (B) A CITY SHALL NOT LOWER A SPEED LIMIT EXISTING WITHIN SUCH CITY AS  
22 OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY FIVE MILES PER HOUR OR MORE  
23 UNLESS SUCH CITY PROVIDES WRITTEN NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT  
24 TO THE COMMUNITY BOARD OR COMMUNITY BOARDS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO  
25 SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED OF THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER WITH JURISDIC-  
26 TION OVER THE AREA IN WHICH SUCH LOWER SPEED LIMIT SHALL APPLY. SUCH  
27 CITY MAY PROVIDE SUCH NOTICE BY ELECTRONIC MAIL AND SHALL PROVIDE SUCH

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

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1 NOTICE NO LESS THAN SIXTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH LOWER  
2 SPEED LIMIT. SUCH CITY SHALL NOT, UNLESS BY LOCAL LAW, LOWER A SPEED  
3 LIMIT EXISTING WITHIN SUCH CITY AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PARA-  
4 GRAPH BY FIVE MILES PER HOUR OR MORE WHERE THE AREA IN WHICH SUCH LOWER  
5 SPEED LIMIT SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FALLS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF MORE  
6 THAN ONE COMMUNITY BOARD.

7 (C) A CITY ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS BELOW THIRTY MILES PER  
8 HOUR PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL SUBMIT A  
9 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE  
10 SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE MARCH FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN,  
11 AND BIANNUALLY THEREAFTER ON THE RESULTS OF USING TRAFFIC CALMING MEAS-  
12 URES AND SPEED LIMITS LOWER THAN TWENTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR AS AUTHOR-  
13 IZED BY THIS PARAGRAPH. THIS REPORT SHALL ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE  
14 PUBLIC BY SUCH CITY ON ITS WEBSITE. SUCH REPORT SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT  
15 BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

16 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS WHERE TRAFFIC CALMING  
17 MEASURES AND A LOWER SPEED LIMIT WERE ESTABLISHED,

18 (II) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIFIC TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES USED AND  
19 THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ESTABLISHED, AND

20 (III) A COMPARISON OF THE AGGREGATE TYPE, NUMBER, AND SEVERITY OF  
21 CRASHES REPORTED ON STREETS ON WHICH TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AND LOWER  
22 SPEED LIMITS WERE IMPLEMENTED IN THE YEAR PRECEDING THE IMPLEMENTATION  
23 OF SUCH TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AND SPEED LIMITS AND THE YEAR FOLLOWING  
24 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AND SPEED LIMITS, TO  
25 THE EXTENT THIS INFORMATION IS MAINTAINED BY ANY AGENCY OF THE STATE OR  
26 THE CITY.

27 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
28 have become a law.