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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Transportation

AN ACT relating to authorizing the Knox town board to establish certain  
speed limits

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section sixteen  
2 hundred twenty-two of the vehicle and traffic law, in lieu of making a  
3 request of the department of transportation pursuant to such section,  
4 the town board of the town of Knox in the county of Albany, with respect  
5 to town highways which have been functionally classified by the depart-  
6 ment of transportation as local roads on official functional classifica-  
7 tion maps approved by the federal highway administration pursuant to  
8 part 470.105 of title 23 of the code of federal regulations, as amended  
9 from time to time, and which are outside of cities and villages, may by  
10 local law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation:
- 11 (a) Establish maximum speed limits at which vehicles may proceed on or  
12 along designated town highways lower than the fifty-five miles per hour  
13 statutory maximum speed limit. No such limit shall be established at  
14 less than twenty-five miles per hour, except that school speed limits  
15 may be established at not less than fifteen miles per hour, for a  
16 distance not to exceed one thousand three hundred twenty feet, on a  
17 highway passing a school building, entrance or exit of a school abutting  
18 on the highway.
- 19 (b) Establish maximum speed limits at which vehicles may proceed on or  
20 along all such town highways lying within such towns or within desig-  
21 nated areas of such towns lower than the fifty-five miles per hour stat-  
22 utory maximum speed limit. No such speed limit applicable throughout  
23 such towns or within designated areas of such towns shall be established  
24 at less than thirty miles per hour.

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

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1 2. No such speed limits shall be established except in accordance with  
2 the engineering considerations and factors for speed limits set forth in  
3 the New York state manual and specifications for a uniform system of  
4 traffic control devices as such manual and specifications may be amended  
5 from time to time, certified by a licensed professional engineer who  
6 specializes in traffic operations.

7 3. For the purposes of this section, the term "New York state manual  
8 and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices"  
9 shall mean the national manual of uniform traffic control devices  
10 promulgated by the federal highway administration pursuant to subpart  
11 (f) of part 655 of title 23 of the code of federal regulations and the  
12 New York state supplement adopted by the commissioner of transportation  
13 pursuant to section sixteen hundred eighty of the vehicle and traffic  
14 law, and the term "town highways" shall have the same meaning as such  
15 term is defined by subdivision five of section three of the highway law.

16 4. Nothing contained in this act shall be deemed to alter the authori-  
17 ty of the department of transportation to establish maximum speed limits  
18 at the request of the town board of the town of Knox in the county of  
19 Albany, with respect to all town highways within such towns outside of  
20 cities and villages pursuant to subdivision one of this section,  
21 provided that no maximum speed limits have been established by such town  
22 boards pursuant to this act on any town highway functionally classified  
23 as a local road within such towns.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
25 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the department of  
26 transportation is authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as  
27 are necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date.