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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, DINOWITZ, JACOBSON, WOERNER, THIELE, WALCZYK, MORINELLO, BYRNES, GOTTFRIED, McDONOUGH, RA, SMULLEN, FAHY, STECK, KELLES, DURSO, McMAHON, FORREST, HEVESI, SIMON, BURDICK, FRONTUS, CRUZ, GLICK, NORRIS, SALKA, DE LOS SANTOS, GONZALEZ-ROJAS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing cities, villages and towns to reduce the speed limit to twenty-five miles per hour

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 2012, is amended to read as follows:  
3 § 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

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

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1 or village higher or lower than the fifty-five miles per hour maximum  
2 statutory limit. No such speed limit applicable throughout such city or  
3 village or within designated areas of such city or village shall be  
4 established at less than [~~thirty~~ twenty-five] miles per hour; except  
5 that in the city of Long Beach, in the county of Nassau, speed limits  
6 may be established at not less than fifteen miles per hour on any  
7 portion of the following highways in such city: Cleveland avenue, Hard-  
8 ington avenue, Mitchell avenue, Belmont avenue, Atlantic avenue, Coolidge  
9 avenue, Wilson avenue and Taft avenue. No such speed limit applicable on  
10 or along designated highways within such city or village shall be estab-  
11 lished at less than twenty-five miles per hour, except that school speed  
12 limits may be established at not less than fifteen miles per hour, for a  
13 distance not to exceed one thousand three hundred twenty feet, on a  
14 highway passing a school building, entrance or exit of a school abutting  
15 on the highway and except that within the cities of Buffalo and Roches-  
16 ter speed limits may be established at not less than fifteen miles per  
17 hour for any portion of a highway within a city park. No speed limits  
18 shall be established pursuant to the provisions of this section except  
19 in accordance with the engineering considerations and factors for speed  
20 limits set forth in the manual and specifications for a uniform system  
21 of traffic control devices maintained by the commissioner of transporta-  
22 tion pursuant to section sixteen hundred eighty of this title, as such  
23 manual and specifications may be amended from time to time, certified by  
24 a licensed professional engineer who specializes in traffic operations.

25 § 2. Section 1662-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by  
26 chapter 405 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

27 § 1662-a. Speed limits in certain towns. The town board of any subur-  
28 ban town governed pursuant to article three-A of the town law and the  
29 town board of any other town having a population exceeding fifty thou-  
30 sand, with respect to highways (which term for the purposes of this  
31 section shall include private roads open to public motor vehicle traf-  
32 fic) in such towns outside any village, other than state highways main-  
33 tained by the state on which the department of transportation shall have  
34 established higher or lower speed limits than the statutory fifty-five  
35 miles per hour speed limit as provided in section sixteen hundred twenty  
36 of this title, or on which the department of transportation shall have  
37 designated that such towns shall not establish any maximum speed limit  
38 as provided in section sixteen hundred twenty-four of this title,  
39 subject to the limitations imposed by section sixteen hundred eighty-  
40 four of this title may by local law, ordinance, order, rule or regu-  
41 lation establish maximum speed limits at which vehicles may proceed  
42 within such towns, within designated areas of such towns or on or along  
43 designated highways within such towns lower than the fifty-five miles  
44 per hour maximum statutory limit. No such speed limit applicable  
45 throughout such towns or within designated areas of such towns shall be  
46 established at less than [~~thirty~~ twenty-five] miles per hour, except  
47 that in the town of Hempstead speed limits may be established at not  
48 less than fifteen miles per hour on any portion of a highway in the  
49 community known as Point Lookout and on all or any portion of the  
50 following highways in the community known as Lido Beach: Ocean Boule-  
51 vard, Alleward Street, Bath Street, Buxton Street, Cheltenham Street,  
52 Pinehurst Street, Harrogate Street, Matlock Street, Nantwick Street,  
53 Biarritz Street, Royat Street, Luchon Street, Woodhail Street, Leaming-  
54 ton Street, Saratoga Street, Kensington Street, and Prescott Street;  
55 provided, however, that no such speed limit in such town may be estab-  
56 lished unless a majority of the residents of each such community file a

1 petition with the town board of such town requesting such speed limit.  
2 No such speed limit applicable on or along designated highways within  
3 such towns shall be established at less than twenty-five miles per hour,  
4 except that school speed limits may be established at not less than  
5 fifteen miles per hour, for a distance not to exceed one thousand three  
6 hundred twenty feet, on a highway passing a school building, entrance or  
7 exit of a school abutting on the highway, and except further that in the  
8 town of Hempstead speed limits may be established at not less than  
9 fifteen miles per hour on any portion of a highway in the communities  
10 known as Point Lookout and Lido Beach; provided, however, that no such  
11 speed limit in such town may be established unless a majority of the  
12 residents of each such community file a petition with the town board of  
13 such town requesting such speed limit. No speed limits shall be estab-  
14 lished pursuant to the provisions of this section except in accordance  
15 with the engineering considerations and factors for speed limits set  
16 forth in the manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic  
17 control devices maintained by the commissioner of transportation pursu-  
18 ant to section sixteen hundred eighty of this title, as such manual and  
19 specifications may be amended from time to time, certified by a licensed  
20 professional engineer who specializes in traffic operations.

21 § 3. Subdivision 2 of section 1622 of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
22 amended by chapter 83 of the laws of 1969, is amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 2. Establish maximum speed limits at which vehicles may proceed on or  
25 along all such highways lying within an area or areas as designated by a  
26 description of the boundaries of such area or areas submitted by the  
27 county superintendent of highways of a county and the town board of the  
28 town or towns affected lower than fifty-five miles per hour statutory  
29 maximum speed limit. No such limit shall be established at less than  
30 [~~thirty~~ twenty-five miles per hour.

31 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.