

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, BURDICK, GOTTFRIED -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to designating twenty-five miles per hour speed limits in a city, town or village

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 § 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 the city
22 of Long Beach, in the county of Nassau, speed limits may be established
23 at not less than fifteen miles per hour on any portion of the following
24 highways in such city: Cleveland avenue, Harding avenue, Mitchell
25 avenue, Belmont avenue, Atlantic avenue, Coolidge avenue, Wilson avenue
26 and Taft avenue. No such speed limit applicable on or along designated
27 highways within such city or village shall be established at less than
28 twenty-five miles per hour, except that school speed limits may be
29 established at not less than fifteen miles per hour, for a distance not
30 to exceed one thousand three hundred twenty feet, on a highway passing a
31 school building, entrance or exit of a school abutting on the highway

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

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1 and except that within the cities of Buffalo and Rochester speed limits
2 may be established at not less than fifteen miles per hour for any
3 portion of a highway within a city park. When a city or village estab-
4 lishes a twenty-five miles per hour speed limit on more than one high-
5 way, such city or village shall clearly designate the established limit
6 at all of its boundaries.

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

9 § 1662-a. Speed limits in certain towns. The town board of any subur-
10 ban town governed pursuant to article three-A of the town law and the
11 town board of any other town having a population exceeding fifty thou-
12 sand, with respect to highways (which term for the purposes of this
13 section shall include private roads open to public motor vehicle traf-
14 fic) in such towns outside any village, other than state highways main-
15 tained by the state on which the department of transportation shall have
16 established higher or lower speed limits than the statutory fifty-five
17 miles per hour speed limit as provided in section sixteen hundred twenty
18 of this title, or on which the department of transportation shall have
19 designated that such towns shall not establish any maximum speed limit
20 as provided in section sixteen hundred twenty-four of this title,
21 subject to the limitations imposed by section sixteen hundred eighty-
22 four of this title may by local law, ordinance, order, rule or regu-
23 lation establish maximum speed limits at which vehicles may proceed
24 within such towns, within designated areas of such towns or on or along
25 designated highways within such towns lower than the fifty-five miles
26 per hour maximum statutory limit. No such speed limit applicable
27 throughout such towns or within designated areas of such towns shall be
28 established at less than thirty miles per hour, except that in the town
29 of Hempstead speed limits may be established at not less than fifteen
30 miles per hour on any portion of a highway in the community known as
31 Point Lookout and on all or any portion of the following highways in the
32 community known as Lido Beach: Ocean Boulevard, Allevard Street, Bath
33 Street, Buxton Street, Cheltenham Street, Pinehurst Street, Harrogate
34 Street, Matlock Street, Nantwick Street, Biarritz Street, Royat Street,
35 Luchon Street, Woodhail Street, Leamington Street, Saratoga Street,
36 Kensington Street, and Prescott Street; provided, however, that no such
37 speed limit in such town may be established unless a majority of the
38 residents of each such community file a petition with the town board of
39 such town requesting such speed limit. No such speed limit applicable on
40 or along designated highways within such towns shall be established at
41 less than twenty-five miles per hour, except that school speed limits
42 may be established at not less than fifteen miles per hour, for a
43 distance not to exceed one thousand three hundred twenty feet, on a
44 highway passing a school building, entrance or exit of a school abutting
45 on the highway, and except further that in the town of Hempstead speed
46 limits may be established at not less than fifteen miles per hour on any
47 portion of a highway in the communities known as Point Lookout and Lido
48 Beach; provided, however, that no such speed limit in such town may be
49 established unless a majority of the residents of each such community
50 file a petition with the town board of such town requesting such speed
51 limit. When a town establishes a twenty-five miles per hour speed limit
52 on more than one highway, such town shall clearly designate the estab-
53 lished limit at all of its boundaries.

54 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
55 have become a law.