

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to speed limits for any portion of a highway within a city, village or town park

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

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

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1 established at not less than fifteen miles per hour, for a distance not
2 to exceed one thousand three hundred twenty feet, on a highway passing a
3 school building, entrance or exit of a school abutting on the highway
4 ~~[and],~~ except that within the cities of Buffalo and Rochester speed
5 limits may be established at not less than fifteen miles per hour for
6 any portion of a highway within a city park, and except that a speed
7 limit may be established at not less than fifteen miles per hour for
8 any portion of a highway within a city or village park.

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

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

55 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.