

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

January 4, 2023

Introduced by Sen. SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing a five mile per hour speed limit for open streets in cities having a population in excess of one million

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (a) of paragraph 26 of subdivision (a) of
2 section 1642 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 248 of
3 the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

4 (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, establish-
14 ment of maximum speed limits at which vehicles may proceed within such
15 city or within designated areas of such city higher or lower than the
16 fifty-five miles per hour maximum statutory limit. No such speed limit
17 applicable throughout such city or within designated areas of such city
18 shall be established at less than twenty-five miles per hour, except
19 that school speed limits may be established at no less than fifteen
20 miles per hour pursuant to the provisions of section sixteen hundred
21 forty-three of this article and except that open streets speed limits
22 may be established at no less than five 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. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
2 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
3 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
4 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
5 on or before such effective date.