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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK -- 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 the town of Hempstead, in the county of Nassau, to establish a speed limit of less than thirty miles an hour for certain highways within the community of East Atlantic Beach

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

1 Section 1. Section 1662-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended
2 by chapter 496 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:
3 § 1662-a. Speed limits in certain towns. The town board of any subur-
4 ban town governed pursuant to article three-A of the town law and the
5 town board of any other town having a population exceeding fifty thou-
6 sand, with respect to highways (which term for the purposes of this
7 section shall include private roads open to public motor vehicle traf-
8 fic) in such towns outside any village, other than state highways main-
9 tained by the state on which the department of transportation shall have
10 established higher or lower speed limits than the statutory fifty-five
11 miles per hour speed limit as provided in section sixteen hundred twenty
12 of this title, or on which the department of transportation shall have
13 designated that such towns shall not establish any maximum speed limit
14 as provided in section sixteen hundred twenty-four of this title,
15 subject to the limitations imposed by section sixteen hundred eighty-
16 four of this title may by local law, ordinance, order, rule or regu-
17 lation establish maximum speed limits at which vehicles may proceed
18 within such towns, within designated areas of such towns or on or along
19 designated highways within such towns lower than the fifty-five miles
20 per hour maximum statutory limit. No such speed limit applicable
21 throughout such towns or within designated areas of such towns shall be
22 established at less than twenty-five miles per hour, except that in the

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

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1 town of Hempstead speed limits may be established at not less than
2 fifteen miles per hour on any portion of a highway in the community
3 known as Point Lookout, on all or any portion of the following highways
4 in the community known as East Atlantic Beach: Bay Street, Brookline
5 Avenue, Park Street, Rochester Avenue, Trenton Avenue, Troy Avenue, and
6 on all or any portion of the following highways in the community known
7 as Lido Beach: Ocean Boulevard, Allevard Street, Bath Street, Buxton
8 Street, Cheltenham Street, Pinehurst Street, Harrogate Street, Matlock
9 Street, Nantwick Street, Biarritz Street, Royat Street, Luchon Street,
10 Woodhail Street, Leamington Street, Saratoga Street, Kensington Street,
11 and Prescott Street; provided, however, that no such speed limit in such
12 town may be established unless a majority of the residents of each such
13 community file a petition with the town board of such town requesting
14 such speed limit. No such speed limit applicable on or along designated
15 highways within such towns shall be established at less than twenty-five
16 miles per hour, except that school speed limits may be established at
17 not less than fifteen miles per hour, for a distance not to exceed one
18 thousand three hundred twenty feet, on a highway passing a school build-
19 ing, entrance or exit of a school abutting on the highway, and except
20 further that in the town of Hempstead speed limits may be established at
21 not less than fifteen miles per hour on any portion of a highway in the
22 communities known as Point Lookout, East Atlantic Beach and Lido Beach;
23 provided, however, that no such speed limit in such town may be estab-
24 lished unless a majority of the residents of each such community file a
25 petition with the town board of such town requesting such speed limit.
26 No speed limits shall be established pursuant to the provisions of this
27 section except in accordance with the engineering considerations and
28 factors for speed limits set forth in the manual and specifications for
29 a uniform system of traffic control devices maintained by the commis-
30 sioner of transportation pursuant to section sixteen hundred eighty of
31 this title, as such manual and specifications may be amended from time
32 to time, certified by a licensed professional engineer who specializes
33 in traffic operations.

34 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.