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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. O'MARA, WEBER -- 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 an increase in the maximum speed limit for travel on certain roadways

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

1 Section 1. Section 1180-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended  
2 by chapter 464 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:  
3 § 1180-a. Maximum speed limits. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision  
4 of law, no city, village, town, county, public authority, division,  
5 office or department of the state shall maintain or create (a) any speed  
6 limit in excess of fifty-five miles per hour on any road, highway, park-  
7 way or bridge or (b) any speed limit on any other portion of a public  
8 highway, which is not uniformly applicable to all types of motor vehi-  
9 cles using such portion of highway, if on November first, nineteen  
10 hundred seventy-three, such portion of highway had a speed limit which  
11 was uniformly applicable to all types of motor vehicles using it;  
12 provided however, a lower speed limit may be established for any vehicle  
13 operating under a special permit because of any weight or dimension of  
14 such vehicle, including any load thereon, and (c) provided further,  
15 paragraph (b) of this subdivision shall not apply to any portion of a  
16 highway during such time that the condition of the highway, weather, an  
17 accident, or other condition creates a temporary hazard to the safety of  
18 traffic on such portion of a highway. However, the commissioner of the  
19 department of transportation may establish a maximum speed limit of not  
20 more than [~~sixty-five~~] seventy miles per hour on any state roadway which  
21 meets department criteria for such maximum speed.  
22 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdi-  
23 vision one of this section, upon The Governor Thomas E. Dewey Thruway as  
24 such term is defined in section three hundred fifty-six of the public  
25 authorities law, the New York state thruway authority may establish a  
26 maximum speed limit of not more than [~~sixty-five~~] seventy miles per hour  
27 provided that such maximum allowable speed limit is established in  
28 accordance with all applicable rules and regulations.

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

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1 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdi-  
2 vision one of this section, upon (a) the southern tier expressway from a  
3 point east of the town of Lowman, in the county of Chemung, thence  
4 generally westerly to the Pennsylvania border and from the Chemung  
5 interchange to New York touring route twenty-six, (b) interstate route  
6 eighty-one from the Pennsylvania border in Broome county to the inter-  
7 change with New York state touring route twelve in Jefferson county, (c)  
8 the Adirondack northway portion of interstate route eighty-seven from  
9 the interchange with Crescent Road in Saratoga county to the province of  
10 Quebec, (d) interstate route eighty-eight from the interchange with New  
11 York state touring route three hundred sixty-nine in Broome county to  
12 the interchange with interstate route ninety in Schenectady county, (e)  
13 interstate route three hundred ninety, known as the Genesee Expressway,  
14 from the interchange with the southern tier expressway in Steuben county  
15 to the interchange with interstate route four hundred ninety in Monroe  
16 county, (f) interstate route four hundred ninety from interstate ninety  
17 exit forty-five in Ontario county to the city of Rochester in Monroe  
18 county and from interstate ninety exit forty-seven in Genesee county to  
19 the city of Rochester in Monroe county, (g) interstate route five  
20 hundred ninety from the interchange with interstate route three hundred  
21 ninety in Monroe county to the interchange with interstate route four  
22 hundred ninety in Monroe county, (h) route seventeen from the inter-  
23 change with New York touring route three hundred ninety-four to the  
24 Pennsylvania border, (i) interstate route four hundred eighty-one from  
25 the southerly interchange with interstate route eighty-one in Onondaga  
26 county to the northerly interchange with interstate route eighty-one in  
27 Onondaga county, (j) New York state touring route four hundred eighty-  
28 one from the northerly interchange with interstate route eighty-one in  
29 Onondaga county to the city of Fulton in Oswego county, (k) interstate  
30 ninety from exit eight, in the county of Rensselaer, thence generally  
31 easterly to the interchange with the Berkshire section of The Governor  
32 Thomas E. Dewey Thruway, (l) interstate route six hundred ninety, from  
33 the city of Syracuse and town of Geddes border, thence generally wester-  
34 ly to the interchange with the New York state thruway, (m) New York  
35 state touring route six hundred ninety, from the interchange with the  
36 New York state thruway, thence generally westerly to its intersection  
37 with New York state touring route forty-eight in the town of Lysander,  
38 (n) New York state touring route six hundred ninety-five, from the  
39 interchange with interstate route six hundred ninety approximately 2.3  
40 miles to the interchange with New York state touring route five, (o) New  
41 York state touring route five from the interchange with New York state  
42 touring route six hundred ninety-five approximately 5.0 miles to the  
43 interchange with New York state touring route one hundred seventy-four  
44 in the town of Camillus, and (p) route five hundred thirty-one from the  
45 interchange with interstate route four hundred ninety in Monroe county  
46 to the interchange with route thirty-six in Monroe county, and (q)  
47 United States route two hundred nineteen, from the interchange with  
48 Armor Duelles Road in the town of Orchard Park, thence generally south-  
49 erly to the interchange with New York state route thirty-nine in the  
50 town of Concord, the commissioner of the department of transportation  
51 may establish a maximum speed limit of not more than [~~sixty-five~~] seven-  
52 ty miles per hour provided that such maximum allowable speed limit is  
53 established in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations.

54 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.