



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB2070

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Sen. Mike Porfirio

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-601

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-601

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, on and after October 1, 2025, the default speed limit is 20 (instead of 30) miles per hour within an urban district, and 10 (instead of 15) miles per hour in an alley within an urban district. Requires, by September 1, 2025, the Secretary of State to communicate the speed limit change to every licensed driver in the State via direct postal mail and a broad statewide communications campaign. Provides that a county, municipality, or township with speed enforcement authority may only issue warnings for violations during the first 60 days after the change of the speed limit is enacted. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 11-601 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-601) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-601)

7 Sec. 11-601. General speed restrictions.

8 (a) No vehicle may be driven upon any highway of this State  
9 at a speed which is greater than is reasonable and proper with  
10 regard to traffic conditions and the use of the highway, or  
11 endangers the safety of any person or property. The fact that  
12 the speed of a vehicle does not exceed the applicable maximum  
13 speed limit does not relieve the driver from the duty to  
14 decrease speed when approaching and crossing an intersection,  
15 approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill  
16 crest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, or  
17 when special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or  
18 other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions.  
19 Speed must be decreased as may be necessary to avoid colliding  
20 with any person or vehicle on or entering the highway in  
21 compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons  
22 to use due care.

23 (a-5) For purposes of this Section, "urban district" does

1 not include any interstate highway as defined by Section  
2 1-133.1 of this Code which includes all highways under the  
3 jurisdiction of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.

4 (b) No person may drive a vehicle upon any highway of this  
5 State at a speed which is greater than the applicable  
6 statutory maximum speed limit established by paragraphs (c),  
7 (d), (e), (f) or (g) of this Section, by Section 11-605 or by a  
8 regulation or ordinance made under this Chapter.

9 (c) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
10 under this Chapter, until October 1, 2025, the maximum speed  
11 limit in an urban district for all vehicles is:

12 1. 30 miles per hour; and

13 2. 15 miles per hour in an alley.

14 (c-5) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
15 under this Chapter, on and after October 1, 2025, the maximum  
16 speed limit in an urban district for all vehicles is:

17 1. 25 miles per hour on an arterial street;

18 2. 20 miles per hour on a residential street; and

19 3. 10 miles per hour in an alley.

20 By September 1, 2025, the Secretary of State must  
21 communicate this change to every licensed driver in the State  
22 via direct postal mail and a broad statewide communications  
23 campaign.

24 A county, municipality, or township with speed enforcement  
25 authority may issue only warnings for violations during the  
26 first 60 days after the change of the speed limit is enacted.

1           (d) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
2 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
3 district for any vehicle is (1) 65 miles per hour for all or  
4 part of highways that are designated by the Department, have  
5 at least 4 lanes of traffic, and have a separation between the  
6 roadways moving in opposite directions and (2) 55 miles per  
7 hour for all other highways, roads, and streets.

8           (d-1) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
9 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
10 district for any vehicle is (1) 70 miles per hour on any  
11 interstate highway as defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code  
12 which includes all highways under the jurisdiction of the  
13 Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; (2) 65 miles per hour  
14 for all or part of highways that are designated by the  
15 Department, have at least 4 lanes of traffic, and have a  
16 separation between the roadways moving in opposite directions;  
17 and (3) 55 miles per hour for all other highways, roads, and  
18 streets. The counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison,  
19 McHenry, St. Clair, and Will may adopt ordinances setting a  
20 maximum speed limit on highways, roads, and streets that is  
21 lower than the limits established by this Section.

22           (e) In the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry,  
23 and Will, unless some lesser speed restriction is established  
24 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
25 district for a second division vehicle designed or used for  
26 the carrying of a gross weight of 8,001 pounds or more

1 (including the weight of the vehicle and maximum load) is 60  
2 miles per hour on any interstate highway as defined by Section  
3 1-133.1 of this Code and 55 miles per hour on all other  
4 highways, roads, and streets.

5 (e-1) (Blank).

6 (f) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
7 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
8 district for a bus is:

9 1. 65 miles per hour upon any highway which has at  
10 least 4 lanes of traffic and of which the roadways for  
11 traffic moving in opposite directions are separated by a  
12 strip of ground which is not surfaced or suitable for  
13 vehicular traffic, except that the maximum speed limit for  
14 a bus on all highways, roads, or streets not under the  
15 jurisdiction of the Department or the Illinois State Toll  
16 Highway Authority is 55 miles per hour;

17 1.5. 70 miles per hour upon any interstate highway as  
18 defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code outside the  
19 counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will;  
20 and

21 2. 55 miles per hour on any other highway.

22 (g) (Blank).

23 (Source: P.A. 98-511, eff. 1-1-14; 98-1126, eff. 1-1-15;  
24 98-1128, eff. 1-1-15; 99-78, eff. 7-20-15.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
26 becoming law.