

**SB2565**



**101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

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Introduced 1/29/2020, by Sen. Jim Oberweis

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

625 ILCS 5/11-601

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

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Changes the maximum speed limit to 75 miles per hour (from 70 miles per hour) on any interstate highway outside of an urban area.

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**A BILL FOR**

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 changing  
5 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 other  
18 traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions. Speed  
19 must be decreased as may be necessary to avoid colliding with  
20 any person or vehicle on or entering the highway in compliance  
21 with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due  
22 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 statutory  
6 maximum speed limit established by paragraphs (c), (d), (e),  
7 (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, the maximum speed limit in an urban  
11 district for all vehicles is:

- 12 1. 30 miles per hour; and
- 13 2. 15 miles per hour in an alley.

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

21 (d-1) Unless some other speed restriction is established  
22 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
23 district for any vehicle is (1) 75 ~~70~~ miles per hour on any  
24 interstate highway as defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code  
25 which includes all highways under the jurisdiction of the  
26 Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; (2) 65 miles per hour

1 for all or part of highways that are designated by the  
2 Department, have at least 4 lanes of traffic, and have a  
3 separation between the roadways moving in opposite directions;  
4 and (3) 55 miles per hour for all other highways, roads, and  
5 streets. The counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison,  
6 McHenry, St. Clair, and Will may adopt ordinances setting a  
7 maximum speed limit on highways, roads, and streets that is  
8 lower than the limits established by this Section.

9 (e) In the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry,  
10 and Will, unless some lesser speed restriction is established  
11 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban  
12 district for a second division vehicle designed or used for the  
13 carrying of a gross weight of 8,001 pounds or more (including  
14 the weight of the vehicle and maximum load) is 60 miles per  
15 hour on any interstate highway as defined by Section 1-133.1 of  
16 this Code and 55 miles per hour on all other highways, roads,  
17 and streets.

18 (e-1) (Blank).

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

22 1. 65 miles per hour upon any highway which has at  
23 least 4 lanes of traffic and of which the roadways for  
24 traffic moving in opposite directions are separated by a  
25 strip of ground which is not surfaced or suitable for  
26 vehicular traffic, except that the maximum speed limit for

1 a bus on all highways, roads, or streets not under the  
2 jurisdiction of the Department or the Illinois State Toll  
3 Highway Authority is 55 miles per hour;

4 1.5. 70 miles per hour upon any interstate highway as  
5 defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code outside the  
6 counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will;  
7 and

8 2. 55 miles per hour on any other highway.

9 (g) (Blank).

10 (Source: P.A. 98-511, eff. 1-1-14; 98-1126, eff. 1-1-15;  
11 98-1128, eff. 1-1-15; 99-78, eff. 7-20-15.)