

HOUSE BILL NO. 593

INTRODUCED BY K. FUREY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS AND ROADS NEAR CLINTON AND MILLTOWN; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-303, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 61-8-303, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-8-303. Speed restrictions. (1) Except as provided in 61-8-309, 61-8-310, 61-8-312, and subsection (2) of this section, the speed limit for vehicles traveling:

(a) on a federal-aid interstate highway outside an urbanized area of 50,000 population or more is 75 miles an hour at all times and the speed limit for vehicles traveling on federal-aid interstate highways within an urbanized area of 50,000 population or more is 65 miles an hour at all times;

(b) on any other public highway of this state is 70 miles an hour during the daytime and 65 miles an hour during the nighttime;

(c) in an urban district is 25 miles an hour.

(2) (a) The speed limit for vehicles traveling on U.S. highway 93 between reference marker 133 northwest of Whitefish and the Idaho border is 65 miles an hour at all times. The speed limit imposed by this subsection ceases to be effective if U.S. highway 93 is upgraded to a continuous four-lane highway.

(b) (i) The speed limit for vehicles traveling on highway 210 between the exit at Turah and state highway 200 is 45 miles an hour.

(ii) The speed limit for vehicles traveling on state highway 200 between the bridge over the Blackfoot River near Milltown and the entrance to interstate 90 at West Riverside is 35 miles an hour.

(iii) The speed limit for vehicles traveling on the road running parallel to interstate 90 beginning at the exit at Turah known as "rustic road" is 45 miles an hour.

(3) A vehicle subject to the speed limits imposed in subsection (1) traveling on a two-lane road may exceed the speed limits imposed in subsection (1) by 10 miles an hour in order to overtake and pass a vehicle and return safely to the right-hand lane.

(4) Subject to the maximum speed limits set forth in subsections (1) and (2), a person shall operate a

1 vehicle in a careful and prudent manner and at a reduced rate of speed no greater than is reasonable and prudent
2 under the conditions existing at the point of operation, taking into account the amount and character of traffic,
3 visibility, weather, and roadway conditions.

4 (5) Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with subsection (4),
5 the limits specified in 61-8-312 and in this section or established as authorized in 61-8-309 through 61-8-311 and
6 61-8-313 are the maximum lawful speeds allowed.

7 (6) "Daytime" means from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. "Nighttime" means
8 at any other hour.

9 (7) The speed limits set forth in this section may be altered by the transportation commission or a local
10 authority as authorized in 61-8-309, 61-8-310, 61-8-313, and 61-8-314."

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