

# SENATE BILL 157

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By: **Senators Edwards, Astle, Brinkley, Glassman, Madaleno, Shank, and Young**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Maximum Speed Limits on Highways**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum speed limit that may be established on  
4 certain highways in the State; and generally relating to maximum speed limits  
5 on highways.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Transportation  
8 Section 21–801.1(b) and (d)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Transportation  
13 Section 21–801.1(e)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 21–801.1.

20 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the maximum speed limits  
21 are:

22 (1) 15 miles an hour in alleys in Baltimore County;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1           (2)    30 miles an hour on:
- 2                   (i)    All highways in a business district; and
- 3                   (ii)   Undivided highways in a residential district;
- 4           (3)    35 miles an hour on divided highways in a residential district;
- 5           (4)    50 miles an hour on undivided highways in other locations; and
- 6           (5)    55 miles an hour on divided highways in other locations.

7           (d)    Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a maximum speed  
8 limit specified in subsection (b) of this section or in effect under subsection (c) of this  
9 section may be altered as provided in this subtitle.

10          (e)    (1)   Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, a maximum  
11 speed limit of more than 55 miles an hour may not be established or continued on any  
12 highway in this State that:

- 13                   (i)    Is not an interstate highway or an expressway; or
- 14                   (ii)   Would subject the State to federal funding sanctions under  
15 23 United States Code § 154.

16          (2)    Subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a  
17 maximum speed limit of more than ~~[65]~~ **70** miles an hour may not be established on  
18 any highway in the State.

19          SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2014.