

February 8, 1963.
Highway Safety. *Pass 2/25*

House File 205
By RILEY.

Passed House, Date 3-22-63
Vote: Ayes 84 Nays 0

Passed Senate, Date 5-14-63
Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 0

Approved.....

*Amended by Senate
Concurred by House
Apr 95 - Nayes 0*

*Passed on file 3/25
Transportation 3/26
Sifting Com. Cal. 5/13*

A BILL FOR

An Act to fix speed limits for motor vehicles on bridges or elevated structures where not sign-posted as provided by law, and to repeal section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred ninety-five (321.295), Code 1962, and to enact a substitute therefor.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred
- 2 ninety-five (321.295), Code 1962, is hereby repealed and the
- 3 following is enacted in lieu thereof:
- 4 No person shall drive a vehicle on any public bridge or elevated
- 5 structure at a speed which is greater than the maximum speed per-
- 6 mitted under this chapter on the street or highway at a point where
- 7 said street or highway joins said bridge or elevated structure,
- 8 provided that if the maximum speed permitted on said street or
- 9 highway differs from the maximum speed on any other street or high-
- 10 way joining said bridge or elevated structure, then the lowest of
- 11 said speeds shall be the maximum speed limit on said bridge or
- 12 elevated structure, subject to the following:
- 13 "The state highway commission upon request from any local
- 14 authority shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct an
- 15 investigation of any bridge or other elevated structure constituting
- 16 a part of a highway, and if it shall thereupon find that such
- 17 structure cannot with safety to itself withstand vehicles traveling
- 18 at the speed otherwise permissible under this chapter, the commission
- 19 shall determine and declare the maximum speed of vehicles which

20 such structure can withstand, and shall cause or permit suitable
21 signs stating such maximum speed to be erected and maintained at
22 a distance of two hundred feet before each end of such structure.

23 "No person shall drive a vehicle over any bridge or other
24 elevated structure constituting a part of a highway at a speed
25 which is greater than the maximum speed which can be maintained
26 with safety to such bridge or structure, when such structure is
27 sign-posted as provided in this section.

28 "Upon the trial of any person charged with driving a vehicle
29 at a speed which is greater than the maximum speed which can be
30 maintained with safety to such bridge or structure, proof of such
31 determination of the maximum speed by said commission and the
32 existence of said signs shall constitute conclusive evidence of
33 the maximum speed which can be maintained with safety to such
34 bridge or structure."

1 ~~Sec. 2.~~ This Act being deemed of immediate importance shall be
2 in force and effect immediately upon its passage and publication
3 in The Mount Vernon Hawkeye-Record, a newspaper published at
4 Mount Vernon, Iowa, and in The Marion Sentinel, a newspaper pub-
5 lished at Marion, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 205

This is a bill to provide for a statutory speed limit on bridges and elevated structures. This bill provides that the speed limit in such instances shall be the same as the lawful speed on streets or highways which join a bridge or elevated structure. Under present law the only speed limit which can be set is that which limits vehicles to speeds which do not endanger bridges or elevated structures. Many bridges or elevated structures can safely withstand speeds which are inconsistent with a safe speed. The bill still permits the State Highway Commission to set a speed limit where the safety of the bridge or elevated structure, itself, is endangered.

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1 Amend House File 205 by striking all of section 2.

Filed and lost
March 22, 1963.

GOODE of Davis.

HOUSE FILE 205

1 Amend House File 205 by striking all of section 2 and
2 by inserting in lieu thereof the following:
3 "Sec. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance
4 shall be in force and effect immediately after its passage
5 and publication in The Mount Vernon Hawkeye-Record & The
6 Lisbon Herald, a newspaper published at Mount Vernon, Iowa,
7 and in The Sentinel, a newspaper published at Marion, Iowa."

Filed and adopted ✓
May 14, 1963.

By DYKHOUSE.

*House
passed 5/15*