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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to speed limits for vehicular traffic on  
2 interstate and fully controlled-access, divided, multilaned  
3 highways.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.285, subsection 6, Code 2001, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 6. a. Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions, the  
4 speed limit for all vehicular traffic on fully controlled-  
5 access, divided, multilaned highways including the national  
6 system of interstate highways is ~~sixty-five~~ seventy miles per  
7 hour, except that the speed limit on such highways for  
8 vehicles with a gross weight exceeding ten thousand pounds is  
9 sixty-five miles per hour.

10 b. The department may establish a speed limit of sixty-  
11 five miles per hour on certain divided, multilaned highways.  
12 However, the department or cities with the approval of the  
13 department may establish a lower speed limit upon such  
14 highways located within the corporate limits of a city.

15 c. For the purposes of this subsection, a fully  
16 controlled-access highway is a highway that gives preference  
17 to through traffic by providing access connections with  
18 selected public roads only and by prohibiting crossings at  
19 grade or direct private driveway connections.

20 d. A minimum speed may be established by the department on  
21 the highways referred to in this subsection if warranted by  
22 engineering and traffic investigations.

23 e. It is further provided that any kind of vehicle,  
24 implement, or conveyance incapable of attaining and  
25 maintaining a speed of forty miles per hour shall be  
26 prohibited from using the interstate system.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill increases the speed limit for interstate and  
29 other fully controlled-access, divided, multilaned highways  
30 from 65 to 70 miles per hour for all vehicles except vehicles  
31 with a gross weight exceeding 10,000 pounds.

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