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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to cities' authority to set speed limits on city
2 streets.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.290, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 Whenever Subject to the restrictions of section 321.293,
4 whenever the council in any city ~~shall-determine~~ determines
5 upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation
6 that any speed limit ~~hereinbefore-set-forth~~ stated in section
7 321.285 is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under
8 the conditions found to exist at any intersection or other
9 place or upon any part of the city street system, **except**
10 ~~primary-road-extensions,~~ said the council shall determine and
11 adopt by ordinance such a higher or lower speed limit as it
12 deems reasonable and safe thereat at the place or part of the
13 street. Such The speed limit shall be effective when proper
14 and appropriate signs giving notice thereof of the speed limit
15 are erected at such intersections or other place or part of
16 the street.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill allows a city council to adopt an ordinance
19 setting a higher or lower speed limit on any part of a primary
20 road extension that is part of the city street system if the
21 city council determines, based on an engineering and traffic
22 investigation, that a speed limit provided for in the Code is
23 greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the existing
24 conditions on that part of the primary road extension. The
25 bill provides that this authority is limited by Code section
26 321.293, which places restrictions on the adoption of higher
27 speed limits on certain through highways within a local
28 authority's jurisdiction. The different speed limit must also
29 be based on an engineering and traffic investigation.
30 Currently, a city council is allowed to adopt an ordinance
31 setting a different speed limit on a city street that is not a
32 primary road extension.

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