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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the speed limit on primary highways.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.285, subsections 4 and 5, Code
2 Supplement 2005, are amended to read as follows:

3 4. ~~Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions~~ Except as
4 otherwise provided by law, the speed limit for all vehicular
5 traffic ~~shall be fifty-five~~ is sixty miles per hour.

6 5. Reasonable and proper, but not greater than fifty-five
7 miles per hour at any time between sunrise and sunset, and not
8 greater than fifty miles per hour at any time between sunset
9 and sunrise, on secondary roads ~~unless~~. However, if such
10 roads are surfaced with concrete or asphalt or a combination
11 of both, ~~in which case the speed limits shall be the same as~~
12 ~~provided in subsection 4 of this section~~ limit is fifty-five
13 miles per hour at all times of day. When the board of
14 supervisors of any county ~~shall determine~~ determines upon the
15 basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the
16 speed limit on any secondary road is greater than is
17 reasonable and proper under the conditions found to exist at
18 any intersection or other place or upon any part of a
19 secondary road, the board shall determine and declare a
20 reasonable and proper speed limit at the intersection or other
21 part of the secondary road. The speed limits as determined by
22 the board of supervisors shall be effective when appropriate
23 signs giving notice of the speed limits are erected by the
24 board of supervisors at the intersection or other place or
25 part of the highway.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill increases the speed limit from 55 to 60 miles per
28 hour on primary highways other than certain divided,
29 multilaned highways with a speed limit of 65 miles per hour
30 and interstates, which have a speed limit of 70 miles per
31 hour. The state department of transportation retains the
32 authority to lower the speed limit on any part of the primary
33 road system. Current scheduled fines for speeding violations
34 in speed zones greater than 55 miles per hour under Code
35 section 805.8A are applicable to violations of the new speed

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