

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 34**

By Senator Karnes

[Introduced January 11, 2023; referred to  
the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-6-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to the establishment of an 80 miles per hour speed limit on interstate highways and four-  
 3 lane limited access highways in this state; and providing an exception for portions of those  
 4 highways passing through city limits.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 6. SPEED RESTRICTIONS.**

**§17C-6-2. Establishment of state speed zones.**

1 (a) Whenever the State Road Commissioner shall determine upon the basis of an  
 2 engineering and traffic investigation that any speed limit set forth in this article is greater or less  
 3 than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place or  
 4 upon any part of a highway, ~~said~~ the commissioner may determine and declare a reasonable and  
 5 safe speed limit thereat which shall be effective at all times or during hours of daylight or darkness  
 6 or at such other times as may be determined when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are  
 7 erected at such intersection or other place or part of the highway.

8 (b) Effective July 1, 2023, the commissioner shall establish a speed limit of 80 miles per  
 9 hour on interstate highways and four-lane limited access highways in this state: *Provided, That*  
 10 this increased speed limit does not apply to portions of interstate highways and four-lane limited  
 11 access highways that pass through the city limits of municipalities.