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**FISCAL NOTE**

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Introduced

Senate Bill 331

By Senators Karnes and Stollings

[Introduced February 18, 2021; referred
to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance]

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

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

(b) Effective July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall establish a speed limit of 80 miles per hour on interstate highways and four-lane limited access highways in this state: *Provided*, That this increased speed limit does not apply to portions of interstate highways and four-lane limited access highways that pass through the city limits of municipalities.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish an 80 mile per hour speed limit on interstate highways and four-lane limited access highways in this state. The bill provides an exception for portions of those highways passing through city limits.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.