

SENATE FILE NO. SF0095

Speed limits.

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Representative(s) Brown, Krone, Miller,
Northrup and Zwonitzer, Dv.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to operation of motor vehicles; authorizing
2 establishment of a higher speed limit on state highways as
3 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-301(b)(iv) and 31-5-302 are
8 amended to read:

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10 **31-5-301. Maximum speed limits.**

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12 (b) Except when a special hazard exists that requires
13 lower speed for compliance with subsection (a) of this
14 section, subject to W.S. 31-5-203(b), the limits specified

1 in this subsection or established as otherwise authorized
2 shall be maximum lawful speeds and no person shall drive a
3 vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of maximum
4 limits:

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6 (iv) For all other locations, sixty-five (65)
7 miles per hour where the roadway is paved and fifty-five
8 (55) miles per hour where the roadway is unpaved. However,
9 the superintendent may designate higher maximum speed
10 limits on paved roadways pursuant to W.S. 31-5-302;

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12 **31-5-302. Establishment of specific maximum speed**
13 **limits by superintendent.**

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15 Whenever the superintendent determines upon the basis of an
16 engineering and traffic investigation, or in the event of a
17 vehicle or weather emergency, that a maximum speed greater
18 or less than that authorized herein is safe and reasonable
19 under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or
20 other place or upon any part of the state highway system,
21 the superintendent, except as provided for in W.S.
22 31-5-303(b), may determine and declare a reasonable and
23 safe maximum limit thereat, which shall be effective when

1 appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected and
2 which shall not exceed eighty (80) miles per hour on
3 interstate highways or seventy (70) miles per hour on state
4 highways, as defined in W.S. 31-18-101(a)(xvii), that are
5 not interstate highways, as defined in W.S.
6 31-18-801(a)(xvi). The maximum speed limit may be declared
7 to be effective at all times or at such times as are
8 indicated upon the signs and differing limits may be
9 established for different times of day, different types of
10 vehicles, varying weather conditions, and other factors
11 bearing on safe speeds, which shall be effective when
12 posted upon appropriate fixed or variable signs. This
13 section does not grant power to the superintendent to
14 declare statewide or countywide maximum speed limits but
15 grants power to declare maximum speed limits for the public
16 safety in localized geographic areas.

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18 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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20 (END)