

STATE OF WYOMING GENERAL SESSION 2014

Chapter 49

EIGHTY MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT

Original House Bill No. 12

AN ACT relating to speed limits; establishing a maximum speed limit declarable by state authorities; modifying and clarifying the state superintendent's ability to designate higher speed limits; amending the identification of speeding violations that are kept in state records; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-5-301(b)(iii)(A) and (d) and 31-5-302 are amended to read:

31-5-301. Maximum speed limits.

(b) Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with subsection (a) of this section, subject to W.S. 31-5-203(b), the limits specified in this subsection or established as otherwise authorized shall be maximum lawful speeds and no person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of maximum limits:

(iii) Seventy-five (75) miles per hour on interstate highways. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to:

(A) Affect the authority of the superintendent to otherwise designate lower or higher maximum speed limits on interstate highways ~~except as provided for in W.S. 31-5-303(b)~~ in accordance with other laws; or

(d) Speeding violations of up to eighty (80) miles per hour where the posted speed limit is at least sixty-five (65) miles per hour but not more than seventy-five (75) miles per hour, or less than six (6) miles per hour over the posted speed limit in all other instances and zones, except violations for exceeding the speed limit in a school zone, or construction zone, and violations received while operating a commercial motor vehicle as defined by W.S. 31-7-102(a)(viii), shall not be made a part of the abstracts or records kept by the department of transportation pursuant to W.S. 31-5-1214 or 31-7-120.

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

Whenever the superintendent determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, or in the event of a vehicle or weather emergency, that a maximum speed greater or less than that authorized herein is ~~required~~ ~~for safe and reasonable vehicle operation~~ under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place or upon any part of the state highway system, the superintendent, except as provided for in W.S. 31-5-303(b), may determine and declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereat, which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected and which shall not exceed eighty (80) miles per hour on interstate highways. The maximum speed limit may be declared to be effective at all times or at such times as are indicated upon the signs and differing limits may be established for different times of day, different types of vehicles, varying weather conditions, and other factors bearing on safe speeds, which shall be effective when posted upon appropriate fixed or variable signs. This section does not grant power to the superintendent to declare statewide or countywide maximum speed limits but grants power to declare maximum speed limits for the public safety in localized geographic areas.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2014.

Approved March 7, 2014.