

CHAPTER 80  
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SENATE BILL        ***230-FN-LOCAL***

AN ACT            relative to speed limits on state roads that are seasonally congested by pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Prescott, Dist 23; Rep. Sherman, Rock 24; Rep. Borden, Rock 24; Rep. Emerick, Rock 21; Rep. Peckham, Rock 22; Rep. F. Tilton, Belk 3

COMMITTEE:      Transportation

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ANALYSIS

This bill permits the department of transportation to establish seasonal speed limits on state roads under certain conditions.

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Explanation:     Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                      Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
                      Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           80:1 New Paragraph; Establishment of State Speed Zones. Amend RSA 265:62 by inserting  
2 after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

3           V.(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph I and RSA 265:60, II, or any other law to  
4 the contrary, the commissioner of transportation, upon the petition of the governing body of a  
5 municipality, shall determine if any prima facie speed should be reduced to provide reasonable and  
6 safe conditions upon any part of the state highway system that is seasonally congested by pedestrian  
7 and bicycle traffic, as determined by the governing body of the municipality.

8           (b) The petition shall designate the area of the state highway system and the reasons for  
9 the reduction in the speed limit. The review of the petition shall include consultation with the  
10 petitioners. The commissioner shall provide the petitioners, in writing, the results of his findings.  
11 The commissioner may recommend a seasonal decrease in the posted prima facie speed limit, but in  
12 no case shall the resulting speed limit be below 20 miles per hour.

13           (c) There shall be only one seasonal speed limit, of a maximum duration of 4 months, in  
14 any 12-month period.

15           (d) Any municipality using a seasonal speed limit shall bear the cost of signage.  
16 However, the design, construction, and installation of such signage shall be approved by the  
17 department.

18           80:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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20 Approved: June 2, 2015

21 Effective Date: August 1, 2015