HOUSE BILL 86

Introduced by Stang

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1/03	Referred to Highways & Transportation
1/07	First Reading
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1/23	Committee ReportBill Not Passed
1/24	Adverse Committee Report Adopted

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2	INTRODUCED BY STANG							
3	BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS							
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5	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING THE							
6	REQUIREMENT THAT SPEED LIMITS ON FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS AND							
7	EXTENSIONS IN MUNICIPALITIES OR URBAN AREAS BE SET BY THE							
8	HIGHWAY COMMISSION; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-310, MCA."							
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10	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:							
11	Section 1. Section 61-8-310, MCA, is amended to read:							
12	"61-8-310. When local authorities may and shall alter							
13	limits. (1) If a local authority in its jurisdiction							
14	determines on the basis of an engineering and traffic							
15	investigation that the speed permitted under 61-8-303 and							
16	61-8-309 through 61-8-313 is greater or less than is							
17	reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist upon							
18	a highway or part of a highway, the local authority may set							
19	a reasonable and safe limit thereon which:							
20	(a) decreases the limit at an intersection;							
21	(b) increases the limit within an urban district, but							
22	not to more than 55 miles per hour during the nighttime; or							
23	(c) decreases the limit outside an urban district, but							
24	not to less than 15 miles per hour.							

(2) A board of county commissioners may set limits as

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1	provided	in subsection	(1)(c)	without	an	engin	eering	and
2	traffic	investigation	on	a	county	road	, as	define	d i
3	60-1-103	•							

- 4 (3) A local authority in its jurisdiction shall determine by an engineering and traffic investigation the proper speed for all arterial streets and shall set a reasonable and safe limit thereon which may be greater or less than the speed permitted under 61-8-303 for an urban district.
 - (4) An altered limit established as authorized under this section is effective at all times or at other times determined by the authority when appropriate signs giving notice of the altered limit are erected upon the highway.

(5) The commission has exclusive jurisdiction to set

special speed limits on all federal-aid-highways-or extensions-thereof-in--all--municipalities--or--urban--areas highways located in the state maintenance system, as defined in 60-2-105. The commission shall set these limits in accordance with 61-8-309."

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Taxation report that Senate Bill 86 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended .

Signed:

Carried by: Rep. Ream

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 2, line 7. Following: "1985," Insert: "or"

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