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Representatives Borrelli, Cobb, Espinoza: Finchem

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-703, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SPEED
RESTRICTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-703, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-703. Alteration of speed limits by local authority

5 A. If a local authority determines on the basis of an engineering and
6 traffic investigation that the maximum speed permitted under this article is
7 greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to
8 exist on any part of a street or highway in its jurisdiction, the local
9 authority may determine and declare a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit
10 at the location and, based on the investigation, may:

11 1. Decrease the limit at intersections.

12 2. Increase the limit within any business or residence district to not
13 more than sixty-five miles per hour.

14 3. Decrease the limit outside any business or residence district.

15 4. Increase or decrease the limit on streets **THAT ARE** adjacent to **OR**
16 **OTHERWISE SURROUNDING** school grounds **OR PUBLIC PARKS**.

17 B. A local authority shall determine by an engineering and traffic
18 investigation the proper maximum speed for all arterial streets in its
19 jurisdiction and shall declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit on the
20 arterial streets in its jurisdiction that may be more or less than the
21 maximum speed permitted under this article for a business or residence
22 district.

23 C. A local authority may decrease the limit to not less than fifteen
24 miles per hour on an unpaved street or road within any district in its
25 jurisdiction if the local authority determines that the limit is necessary to
26 achieve or maintain national ambient air quality standards.

27 D. An altered limit established as provided for in this section is
28 effective at all times, or during hours of darkness, or at other times as may
29 be determined if appropriate signs giving notice of the altered limit are
30 erected on the street or highway.

31 E. The alteration of maximum speed limits on state highways or
32 extensions of state highways in a municipality by a local authority is not
33 effective until the director approves the alteration.

34 F. A local authority shall not make more than six alterations per mile
35 along a street or highway pursuant to this section, except for reduced limits
36 at intersections. The difference between adjacent limits shall not be more
37 than ten miles per hour except for school crossings.