



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1669

vehicle speed limits

Purpose

Prohibits a person from exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 20 miles per hour (mph) in certain locations and outlines the penalties for exceeding maximum speed limits on public highways.

Background

Current statute specifies that when dealing with a violation of speed restrictions, a peace officer must specify the: 1) speed at which the defendant is alleged to be driving and the maximum speed limit of that specific area; 2) identification of the defendant; 3) date and time of the alleged violation; and 4) location of the alleged violation ([A.R.S. § 28-707](#)).

Current statute also specifies that in addition to a flat-rate fine, surcharges will be levied on every fine, penalty and forfeiture imposed and collected by the courts in the following amounts: 1) 42 percent surcharge collected for the Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund; 2) 7 percent municipal court surcharge; 3) 6 percent surcharge collected for the Department of Public Safety Forensics Fund; and 4) 13 percent surcharge collected for the Medical Services Enhancement Fund ([A.R.S. §§ 12-116.01](#) and [12-116.02](#)). Any civil penalty imposed shall not exceed \$250 with additional surcharges ([A.R.S. § 28-1598](#)).

Current statute specifies that a person is prohibited from exceeding: 1) 35 mph when approaching a school crossing; 2) 20 mph over the posted speed limit or no more than 45 mph if there is no posted speed limit in a business or residential area; and 3) 85 mph in other locations ([A.R.S. § 28. 701.02](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Prohibits a person from exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 20 mph in locations other than a school, residential area or business area.
2. Specifies that a person who exceeds the maximum speed limit on a public highway by 10 mph or less is subject to a civil traffic penalty of no more than \$15 with additional surcharges.
3. Specifies that is a person who exceeds the maximum speed limit on a public highway by more than 10 mph is subject to a civil traffic penalty of no more than \$250 with additional surcharges.
4. Makes technical and conforming changes.
5. Becomes effective on the general effective date.