

1 YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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3 _____ Bill Number _____

Legislative Action:

4 House Committee: _____

5 Introduced by: Representative Jill Nanini

House: _____

6 Authored by: Jill Nanini

Senate Committee: _____

7 Senate: _____

8 Delegation: Miles City

Governor: _____

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10 Referred to Committee: _____

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12 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "Amend Montana Code 61-8-303: Speed Restrictions"

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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17 **Section 1.** 61-8-303. Speed restrictions. (1) Except as provided in 61-8-309, 61-8-
18 310, and 61-8-312, the speed limit for vehicles traveling:

19 (a) on a federal-aid interstate highway outside an urbanized area of 50,000 population or more
20 is ~~75~~ 80 miles an hour at all times and the speed limit for vehicles traveling on federal-aid
21 interstate highways within an urbanized area of 50,000 population or more is ~~65~~ 70 miles an hour
22 at all times;

23 (b) on any other public highway of this state is ~~70~~ 75 miles an hour during the daytime and 65
24 miles an hour during the nighttime;

25 (c) in an urban district is 25 miles an hour.

26 (2) A vehicle subject to the speed limits imposed in subsection (1) traveling on a two-lane
27 road may exceed the speed limits imposed in subsection (1) by 10 miles an hour in order to
28 overtake and pass a vehicle and return safely to the right-hand lane.

29 (3) Subject to the maximum speed limits set forth in subsection (1), a person shall operate a
30 vehicle in a careful and prudent manner and at a reduced rate of speed no greater than is
31 reasonable and prudent under the conditions existing at the point of operation, taking into
32 account the amount and character of traffic, visibility, weather, and roadway conditions.

33 (4) Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with
34 subsection (3), the limits specified in 61-8-312 and in this section or established as authorized in
35 61-8-309 through 61-8-311 and 61-8-313 are the maximum lawful speeds allowed.

36 (5) "Daytime" means from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

37 "Nighttime" means at any other hour.

38 (6) The speed limits set forth in this section may be altered by the transportation commission
39 or a local authority as authorized in 61-8-309, 61-8-310, 61-8-313, and 61-8-314.

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41 **Section 2.** This bill will become effective upon the year of 2011.

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