

JAN 25 2006

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPEED RESTRICTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 291C-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"PART X. SPEED RESTRICTIONS**

4 **§291C-101 Basic rule and maximum limits.** (a) No person
5 shall drive a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable and
6 prudent and having regard to the actual and potential hazards
7 and conditions then existing. In every event speed shall be so
8 controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any
9 person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highway
10 in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all
11 persons to use due care.

12 (b) Except when a special hazard exists that requires
13 lower speed for compliance with subsection (a) of this section,
14 the limits specified in this section shall be the maximum lawful
15 speeds, and no person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a
16 speed in excess of such maximum limits:

17 (1) Twenty-five miles per hour on city and town streets;

18 (2) forty-five miles per hour on rural roads;



1 (3) Fifty-five miles per hour on state highways.
2 The maximum speed limits set forth in this section may be
3 altered by official signs pursuant to section 102 of this
4 chapter.

5 (c) Consistent with [~~the foregoing~~] the requirements of
6 section (a), every person shall drive at a safe and appropriate
7 speed when approaching and crossing an intersection or railroad
8 grade crossing, when approaching and going around a curve, when
9 approaching a hill crest, when traveling upon any narrow or
10 winding roadway, and when special hazards exist with respect to
11 pedestrians or other traffic, or by reason of weather or highway
12 conditions."

13 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



SB. NO. 2045

Report Title:

Speed Restrictions; Statutory Maximums

Description:

Establishes statutory maximum speed restrictions on various public roadways. Allows statutory maximum speed restrictions to be altered by official speed limit postings.

