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# An Act

SENATE BILL 10-196

BY SENATOR(S) Gibbs, Newell, Schwartz, Whitehead, Williams;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Scanlan, McFadyen, Stephens, Summers,  
Waller.

CONCERNING THE MINIMUM SPEED AT WHICH A MOTOR VEHICLE MAY  
TRAVEL ON INTERSTATE 70.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 42-4-1102, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

**42-4-1102. Altering of speed limits.** (8) THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION SHALL NOT SET A SPEED LIMIT ON INTERSTATE 70 FOR  
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OR ANY OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE THAT DIFFERS FROM  
THE HIGHEST AUTHORIZED SPEED FOR ANY OTHER TYPE OF MOTOR VEHICLE  
ON THE SAME PORTION OF A HIGHWAY BY MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE MILES  
PER HOUR.

**SECTION 2.** Part 11 of article 4 of title 42, Colorado Revised  
Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

**42-4-1106. Minimum speed in left lane - interstate 70.**

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

(1) WHERE THE AVERAGE GRADE IS SIX PERCENT OR MORE UPHILL FOR AT LEAST ONE MILE, NO PERSON SHALL OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE FAR LEFT LANE OF TRAFFIC OF INTERSTATE 70 AT A SPEED OF LESS THAN THE LOWER OF TEN MILES PER HOUR BELOW THE SPEED LIMIT OR THE MINIMUM SPEED SET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, EXCEPT IF:

(a) NECESSARY TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES;

(b) NECESSARY TO EXIT OR ENTER INTERSTATE 70;

(c) WEATHER OR TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REQUIRE SPEEDS SLOWER THAN THE SPEED LIMIT NECESSARY UNDER SECTION 42-4-1101; OR

(d) NECESSARY BECAUSE OF A LANE CLOSURE OR BLOCKAGE.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL POST SIGNS GIVING THE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THIS SECTION.

**SECTION 3. Specified effective date - applicability.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after said date.

**SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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