

# HOUSE BILL No. 1029

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-21-5-2.

**Synopsis:** Elimination of lower speed limit for trucks. Provides that the maximum speed limit for a vehicle having a declared gross weight greater than 26,000 pounds operated on a highway that is: (1) on the national system of interstate and defense highways located outside an urbanized area with a population of at least 50,000; or (2) the responsibility of the Indiana finance authority; is 70 miles per hour. (Current law provides that the maximum speed limit for those vehicles (other than a bus) is 65 miles per hour.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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January 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-21-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.189-2018,  
2 SECTION 104, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 2. (a) Except when a special hazard  
4 exists that requires lower speed for compliance with section 1 of this  
5 chapter, the slower speed limit specified in this section or established  
6 as authorized by section 3 of this chapter is the maximum lawful speed.  
7 A person may not drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of  
8 the following maximum limits:  
9 (1) Thirty (30) miles per hour in an urban district.  
10 (2) Fifty-five (55) miles per hour, except as provided in  
11 subdivisions (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7).  
12 (3) Seventy (70) miles per hour on a highway on the national  
13 system of interstate and defense highways located outside of an  
14 urbanized area (as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101) with a population of  
15 at least fifty thousand (50,000). ~~except as provided in subdivision~~  
16 ~~(4)~~.  
17 ~~(4) Sixty-five (65) miles per hour for a vehicle (other than a bus)~~



1 having a declared gross weight greater than twenty-six thousand  
 2 (26,000) pounds on a highway on the national system of interstate  
 3 and defense highways located outside an urbanized area (as  
 4 defined in 23 U.S.C. 101) with a population of at least fifty  
 5 thousand (50,000).

6 ~~(5)~~ **(4)** Sixty-five (65) miles per hour on:

7 (A) U.S. 20 from the intersection of U.S. 20 and County Road  
 8 17 in Elkhart County to the intersection of U.S. 20 and U.S. 31  
 9 in St. Joseph County;

10 (B) U.S. 31 from the intersection of U.S. 31 and U.S. 20 in St.  
 11 Joseph County to the boundary line between Indiana and  
 12 Michigan; and

13 (C) a highway classified by the Indiana department of  
 14 transportation as an INDOT Freeway.

15 ~~(6)~~ **(5)** **Seventy (70) miles per hour** on a highway that is the  
 16 responsibility of the Indiana finance authority established by  
 17 IC 5-1.2-3.

18 ~~(A)~~ **(A)** seventy (70) miles per hour for:

19 (i) a motor vehicle having a declared gross weight of not  
 20 more than twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds; or

21 (ii) a bus; or

22 ~~(B)~~ **(B)** sixty-five (65) miles per hour for a motor vehicle having  
 23 a declared gross weight greater than twenty-six thousand  
 24 (26,000) pounds.

25 ~~(7)~~ **(6)** Sixty (60) miles per hour on a highway that:

26 (A) is not designated as a part of the national system of  
 27 interstate and defense highways;

28 (B) has four (4) or more lanes;

29 (C) is divided into two (2) or more roadways by:

30 (i) an intervening space that is unimproved and not intended  
 31 for vehicular travel;

32 (ii) a physical barrier; or

33 (iii) a dividing section constructed to impede vehicular  
 34 traffic; and

35 (D) is located outside an urbanized area (as defined in 23  
 36 U.S.C. 101) with a population of at least fifty thousand  
 37 (50,000).

38 ~~(8)~~ **(7)** Fifteen (15) miles per hour in an alley.

39 (b) A person who violates subsection (a) commits a Class C  
 40 infraction.

