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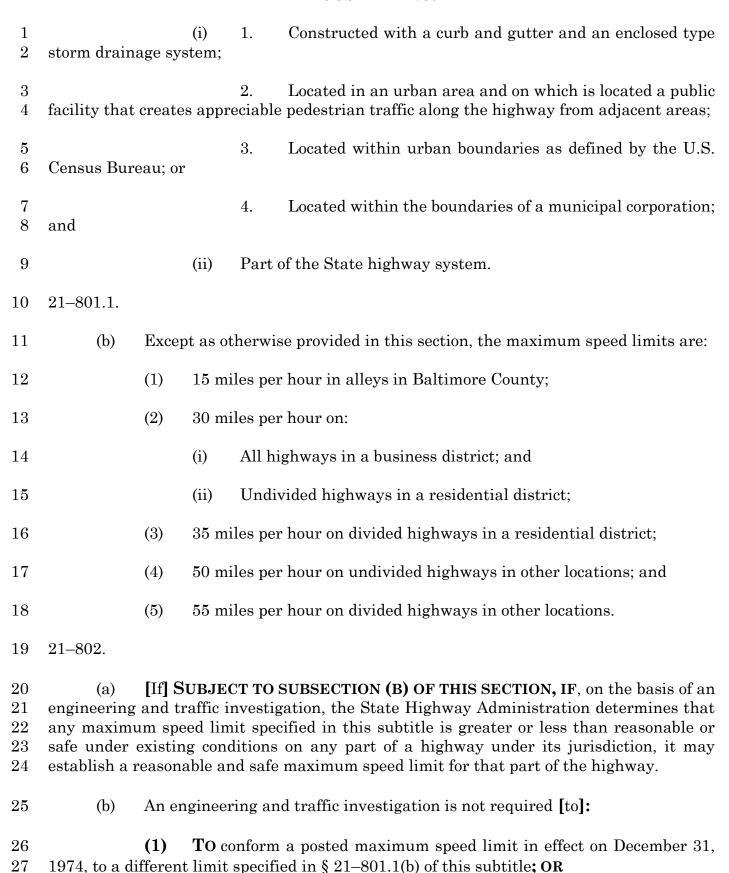
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

- 2 Urban State Highways - Speed Limits - Exemptions 3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Highway Administration to decrease the 4 maximum speed limit by a certain amount on certain urban State highways without 5 an engineering and traffic investigation; and generally relating to speed limits on urban State highways. 6 7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, 8 Article – Transportation 9 Section 8–630(a)(1) and (3) and 21–801.1(b) 10 Annotated Code of Maryland 11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement) BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
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- Article Transportation 13
- Section 21–802 14
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement) 16
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 19 Article - Transportation
- 20 8-630.
- 21 In this section the following words have the meanings indicated. (a) (1)
- 22 "Urban highway" means a highway, other than an expressway, that is: (3)





- 1 (2) FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO DECREASE BY 5
 2 MILES PER HOUR THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT AUTHORIZED UNDER § 21–801.1(B)(2)
 3 AND (3) OF THIS SUBTITLE ON ANY URBAN HIGHWAY, AS DEFINED IN § 8–630 OF THIS
 4 ARTICLE, UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.
- 5 (c) Under this section, the State Highway Administration may:
- 6 (1) Establish a maximum speed limit to apply at all times or only at 7 specified times; and
- 8 (2) Establish differing limits for different times of day, different types of vehicles, different weather conditions, or other factors bearing on safe speeds.
- 10 (d) An altered maximum speed limit established under this section is effective 11 when posted on appropriate signs giving notice of the limit.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.