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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2404

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to traffic regulations; amending authority governing speed limits in
1.3 rural residential districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.14,
1.4 subdivision 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Speed limits.** (a) Where no special hazard exists the following speeds
1.8 shall be lawful, but any speeds in excess of such limits shall be prima facie evidence
1.9 that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful; except that the speed
1.10 limit within any municipality shall be a maximum limit and any speed in excess thereof
1.11 shall be unlawful:

1.12 (1) 30 miles per hour in an urban district;

1.13 (2) 65 miles per hour on noninterstate expressways, as defined in section 160.02,
1.14 subdivision 18b, and noninterstate freeways, as defined in section 160.02, subdivision 19;

1.15 (3) 55 miles per hour in locations other than those specified in this section;

1.16 (4) 70 miles per hour on interstate highways outside the limits of any urbanized area
1.17 with a population of greater than 50,000 as defined by order of the commissioner of
1.18 transportation;

1.19 (5) 65 miles per hour on interstate highways inside the limits of any urbanized area
1.20 with a population of greater than 50,000 as defined by order of the commissioner of
1.21 transportation;

1.22 (6) ten miles per hour in alleys;

1.23 (7) 25 miles per hour in residential roadways if adopted by the road authority having
1.24 jurisdiction over the residential roadway; and

2.1 (8) 30 miles per hour or 35 miles per hour in a rural residential district if adopted by
2.2 the road authority having jurisdiction over the rural residential district.

2.3 (b) A speed limit adopted under paragraph (a), clause (7), is not effective unless the
2.4 road authority has erected signs designating the speed limit and indicating the beginning
2.5 and end of the residential roadway on which the speed limit applies.

2.6 (c) A speed limit adopted under paragraph (a), clause (8), is not effective unless the
2.7 road authority has erected signs designating the speed limit and indicating the beginning
2.8 and end of the rural residential district for the roadway on which the speed limit applies.

2.9 (d) Notwithstanding section 609.0331 or 609.101 or other law to the contrary,
2.10 a person who violates a speed limit established in this subdivision, or a speed limit
2.11 designated on an appropriate sign under subdivision 4, 5, 5b, 5c, or 5e, by driving 20 miles
2.12 per hour or more in excess of the applicable speed limit, is assessed an additional surcharge
2.13 equal to the amount of the fine imposed for the speed violation, but not less than \$25.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.