

This Document can be made available in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 3702

03/12/2018 Authored by Franson
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Regional Governance Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; allowing counties to increase speed limits on county
1.3 roads from 55 miles per hour to 60 miles per hour; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2016, section 169.14, subdivision 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.14, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **Zoning within local area.** (a) When local authorities believe that the existing
1.8 speed limit upon any street or highway, or part thereof, within their respective jurisdictions
1.9 and not a part of the trunk highway system is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under
1.10 existing conditions, they may request the commissioner to authorize, upon the basis of an
1.11 engineering and traffic investigation, the erection of appropriate signs designating what
1.12 speed is reasonable and safe, and the commissioner may authorize the erection of appropriate
1.13 signs designating a reasonable and safe speed limit thereat, which speed limit shall be
1.14 effective when such signs are erected. Any speeds in excess of these speed limits shall be
1.15 prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful;
1.16 except that any speed limit within any municipality shall be a maximum limit and any speed
1.17 in excess thereof shall be unlawful. Alteration of speed limits on streets and highways shall
1.18 be made only upon authority of the commissioner except as provided in subdivision 5a.

1.19 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a county board may by resolution increase the speed
1.20 limit of any street or highway within the county's jurisdiction from 55 miles per hour to 60
1.21 miles per hour. The county engineer must erect appropriate signs to display the 60 miles
1.22 per hour speed limit.