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Introduced by Representatives Ancel of Calais and Klein of East Montpelier

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Transportation; town highways; speed limits; engineering and traffic  
investigations

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to expand the  
range of speed limits that a legislative body may establish on unpaved town  
highways without an engineering and traffic investigation.

An act relating to establishing speed limits on town highways

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1007 is amended to read:

§ 1007. LOCAL SPEED LIMITS

(a) The legislative body of a municipality may establish, on the basis of an  
engineering and traffic investigation, a speed limit on all or a part of any city,  
town<sub>2</sub> or village highway within its jurisdiction, which:

(1) is not more than 50 miles per hour; however, after considering  
neighborhood character, abutting land use, bicycle and pedestrian use, and  
physical characteristics of the highways, the legislative body of a municipality  
may vote to set the maximum speed limit, without an engineering and traffic

1 investigation, at not more than 50 miles per hour nor less than ~~35~~ 25 miles per  
2 hour, on all or a portion of unpaved town highways within its boundaries,  
3 unless otherwise posted in accordance with the provisions of this section; or  
4 (2) is not less than 25 miles per hour.

5 If the legislative body of a municipality votes to set the speed limit on all  
6 unpaved town highways in its boundaries at no more than 50 miles per hour  
7 nor less than ~~35~~ 25 miles per hour as provided for in subdivision (a)(1) of this  
8 section, signs shall be located at points of change from one speed limit to  
9 another.

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11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.