

1 H.398

2 Introduced by Representative Spengler of Colchester

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; speed limits; 55 miles per hour

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to reduce the maximum speed limit
7 to 55 miles per hour.

8 An act relating to the establishment of a maximum speed limit of 55 miles
9 per hour on interstate highways within Vermont

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

11 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1004 is amended to read:

12 § 1004. INTERSTATE HIGHWAY RULES

13 (a) The traffic committee has exclusive authority to make and publish, and
14 from time to time may alter, amend, or repeal, rules pertaining to vehicular,
15 pedestrian and animal traffic, speed limits, and the public safety on the national
16 system of interstate and defense highways and other limited access and
17 controlled access highways within this state. The rules and any amendments or
18 revisions may be made by the committee only in accordance with chapter 25 of
19 Title 3. The rules shall be consistent with accepted motor vehicle codes or
20 standards, shall be consistent with law, and shall not be unreasonable or

1 discriminatory in respect to persons engaged in like, similar, or competitive
2 activities. The rules are applicable only to the extent that they are not in
3 conflict with regulations or orders issued by any agency of the United States
4 having jurisdiction and shall be drawn with due consideration for the
5 desirability of uniformity of law of the several states of the United States.

6 (b) The traffic committee shall not set a speed limit exceeding 55 miles per
7 hour on any highway within the state.

8 (c) Rules authorized by this section are effective on interstate and other
9 limited access and controlled access highways only, taking precedence over
10 those then in force and future highway laws and rules applicable to highways
11 generally; however, the general highway laws and rules are effective on
12 interstate highways until properly authorized rules providing otherwise are
13 adopted.

14 ~~(e)~~(d) Rules, together with alterations and amendments of rules, made
15 under this section have the force of law, and violations shall be traffic
16 violations under section 2302 of this title.