1	H.525
2	Introduced by Representative McCormack of Burlington
3	Referred to Committee on
4	Date:
5	Subject: Motor vehicles; town highways; speed limits
6	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the
7	legislative body of a municipality to establish speed limits on town highways
8	in school zones and on town highways adjacent to municipal parks as low as
9	15 miles per hour.
10	An act relating to municipal authority to establish speed limits
11	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
12	Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1007 is amended to read:
13	§ 1007. LOCAL SPEED LIMITS
14	(a)(1) The legislative body of a municipality may establish, on the basis of
15	an engineering and traffic investigation, a speed limit on all or a part of any
16	city, town, or village highway (town highway) within its jurisdiction, which:
17	(A) is not more than 50 miles per hour; however, and not less than
18	25 miles per hour, except that the body may establish a limit of not less than

15 miles per hour in school zones designated in accordance with 19 V.S.A.

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1	§ 921 and along segments of town highways adjacent to public parks owned or
2	operated by a municipality.
3	(2) However, after considering neighborhood character, abutting land
4	use, bicycle and pedestrian use, and physical characteristics of the highways,
5	the legislative body of a municipality may vote to set the maximum speed
6	limit, without an engineering and traffic investigation, at not more than
7	50 miles per hour nor less than 35 miles per hour, on all or a portion of
8	unpaved town highways within its boundaries, unless otherwise posted in
9	accordance with the provisions of this section; or
10	(B) is not less than 25 miles per hour.
11	(2) If the legislative body of a municipality so votes to set the speed
12	limit on all unpaved town highways in its boundaries at no more than 50 miles
13	per hour nor less than 35 miles per hour as provided for in subdivision (a)(1) or
14	this section, signs shall be located at points of change from one speed limit to
15	another.
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17	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
18	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.