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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARD of Madison.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Require Transition Speed Zones Adjacent to School Zones.



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1252, sub-§2, ¶E,** as amended by PL 1983, c.
5 667, §1, is further amended to read:

7 E. Speed of mobile homes, however drawn, in excess of 45
9 miles an hour in the daytime or nighttime shall be unlawful;
and

11 **Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §1252, sub-§2, ¶F,** as amended by PL 1987, c.
13 257, §3, is further amended to read:

15 F. Speed in excess of 45 miles per hour shall be unlawful
17 when a school bus is transporting pupils to and from school.
At all other times, a school bus shall not exceed the duly
posted speed limits, except that a school bus shall at no
time exceed 55 miles per hour. ;

19 **Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §1252, sub-§2, ¶H** is amended to read:

21 H. Speed of any motor driven cycle in excess of 35 miles an
23 hour at any time mentioned in section 1071 unless such motor
driven cycle is equipped with a headlamp or lamps which are
adequate to reveal a person or vehicle at a distance of 300
feet ahead shall be unlawful. ; and

27 **Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §1252, sub-§2, ¶I** is enacted to read:

29 I. Speed in excess of the transition speed limit in a
31 school transition zone, as defined in subsection 3, during
recess or while children are going to or leaving school
33 during opening or closing hours shall be unlawful.

35 **Sec. 5. 29 MRSA §1252, sub-§3, ¶C** is enacted to read:

37 C. "School transition zone" means that portion of a way
extending on both sides of a posted school zone for a
39 distance of 500 feet. Unless a lower limit is posted, the
transition speed limit shall be:

41 (1) 30 miles per hour between a school zone and a
43 speed zone posted for a speed of 30 miles per hour or
more; or

45 (2) The same as the speed limit in an adjacent speed
47 zone which is posted for a speed of less than 30 miles
per hour.

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51 STATEMENT OF FACT

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53 This bill establishes a 500-foot transition zone next to
every school zone, and requires a transition speed limit of 30

1 miles per hour or less to facilitate better compliance with the
15 miles per hour limit within the school zone.

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