

House Bill 235

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-183 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 alteration of speed limits by local authorities, so as to decrease the lowest speed limit which  
3 may be set by a local governing authority in an urban or residential district; to provide for  
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-6-183 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alteration of  
8 speed limits by local authorities, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

9 "(a) Whenever the governing authority of an incorporated municipality or county, in its  
10 respective jurisdiction, determines on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation  
11 that the maximum vehicle speed permitted under this chapter is greater than is reasonable  
12 and safe under the conditions found to exist upon a highway or part of a highway under its  
13 jurisdiction, such authority may determine and declare a reasonable and safe maximum  
14 vehicle speed limit thereon which:

15 (1) Decreases the limit at intersections;

16 (2) Decreases the limit outside an urban or residential district, but not to less than 30  
17 miles per hour;

18 (3) Decreases the limit within an urban or residential district, but not to less than ~~25~~ 20  
19 miles per hour; or

20 (4) Decreases any speed limit where a special hazard or condition exists that requires  
21 lower speed for compliance with Code Section 40-6-180."

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.