

an hour. The maximum rate of speed of all traction engines or other iron tired engines, shall be six miles an hour. No motor vehicle in excess of ninety inches in width, except traction engines, shall be operated on any highway of this State, and no traction engine in excess of one hundred inches in width shall be operated on any such highway, nor shall any motor vehicle be so operated in which the limit of load per inch in width of tire shall exceed eight hundred pounds, without the special permission of the State Roads Commission in the case of a road under its jurisdiction, or the permission of the city authorities in the case of a city street, or the permission of the county authorities in the case of a county highway, and no motor vehicles, of which the weight of the truck and the load combined, exceeds fourteen tons, shall be operated on any highway in this State. No speed contest or contests shall be, under any circumstances, allowed or take place upon any highway of this State. If the rate of speed of a motor vehicle or motorcycle, operated upon any public highway of this State exceeds twelve miles per hour in the thickly settled or business parts of cities, towns or villages, or eighteen miles per hour in the outlying or not thickly settled parts of cities, towns or villages, or twenty-five miles per hour in the open country outside of the limits of cities, towns or villages, or if the rate of speed of any motor vehicle used only for the transportation of merchandise shall exceed the maximum limit above prescribed, such rate of speed shall be *prima facie* evidence that the person operating such vehicle is operating the same at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, and in violation of the provision of this Section, and the burden of proof shall be upon him to show that such rate of speed was not greater than was reasonable and proper, as above set forth. And no motor vehicle shall be operated upon any highway of this State at a rate of speed greater than thirty-five miles per hour under any circumstances or conditions, under penalty of a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than one hundred dollars, and suspension of the operator's license for not less than three months, if, upon a hearing had after notice as elsewhere provided in this sub-title, the commissioner of motor vehicles shall determine that such rate of speed was in fact exceeded.

Nothing in this section or any other section of this sub-title shall be taken in any way to add to or detract from the right of any person injured in his person or property by the negligent operation of a motor vehicle to sue and recover damages as in the case of the negligent use or operation of other vehicles, and the violation of any provision of this sub-title shall not be taken to give any right of action to any individual who would not be entitled to the same in the absence of such provision.

For warrants under this section, see *Crichton v. State*, 115 Md. 425. .

A damage suit for injuries growing out of a collision between two automobiles, the issues being based on this section and sections 145 and 154. Correct prayers. Evidence. *Bregenzer v. Hutzler*, 121 Md. 386.

See section 160.