

diate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yeā and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 2, 1947.

CHAPTER 299.

(House Bill 373)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 157(h) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", providing for the establishment by the State Roads Commission of reasonable safe prima facie speed limits upon certain highways and streets within the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 157(h) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(h) Whenever the State Roads Commission shall determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any prima facie speed hereinbefore set forth is greater than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any place upon any public highway within this State outside the corporate limits of any municipality or upon any State maintained street within the corporate limits of any municipality, said State Roads Commission shall determine and declare a reasonable safe prima facie speed limit thereat which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon any such highway or street. Violation of the provisions of this sub-section shall constitute reckless driving, to wit: operating at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the imme-