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Approved April 23, 1969.

CHAPTER 389

(House Bill 995)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 211(d) and (g) of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operation of Vehicles upon Highways," to set a maximum speed limit for interstate highways, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, and to provide penalty for driving in excess thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 211(d) and (g) of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operation of Vehicles upon Highways," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(d) No motor vehicles shall be operated upon any highway of this State at a rate of speed greater than fifty miles per hour, or fifty-five miles per hour on dual lane through highways; provided, however, that on dual lane highways which are constructed as controlled or limited access highways the maximum speed limit shall be sixty miles per hour unless a lower maximum speed limit shall be designated by the State Roads Commission. *Provided, however, that on interstate highways within this State the maximum speed limit shall be seventy miles per hour unless a lower maximum speed limit shall be designated by the State Roads Commission*, EXCEPT THAT TRACTOR TRAILER COMBINATIONS AND TRUCKS IN EXCESS OF $\frac{3}{4}$ TON MANUFACTURER'S RATING SHALL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 60 MILES PER HOUR. Whenever the State Roads Commission shall determine, as a result of traffic, weather or other conditions, that the maximum speed limit should be less than [sixty miles per hour] *that provided hereinabove*, it shall have the authority by appropriate signing and giving notice thereof to reduce said maximum speed limit to such speed as it shall deem proper.

(g) Any person operating any motor vehicle upon any highway of this State at a rate of speed greater than seventy miles per hour, *or operating any motor vehicle upon an interstate highway within this State at a rate of speed greater than seventy-five miles per hour*, shall be subject, upon conviction, to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or to be imprisoned for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one (1) year, or to both fine and imprisonment, for the first offense.

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