

§ 11-803. *When local authorities may and shall alter maximum limits.*

(a) *Whenever local authorities in their respective jurisdictions determine on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the maximum speed permitted under this article is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist upon a highway or part of a highway, the local authority may determine and declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon which*

(1) *Decreases the limit at intersections;*

(2) *Increases the limit within an urban district but not to more than 50 miles per hour; or*

(3) *Decreases the limit outside an urban district, but not to less than 35 miles per hour.*

*Provided that such local authorities, without an engineering and traffic investigation may conform a posted maximum speed limit which was lawfully in effect on the date prior to the effective date of this part, to a different maximum lawful speed limit specified in section 11-801(b).*

(b) *Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions shall determine by an engineering and traffic investigation the proper maximum speed for all ~~arterial~~ streets and shall declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon which may be greater or less than the maximum speed permitted under this Article for an urban district.*

(c) *Any altered limit established as hereinabove authorized shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the street or highway.*

(d) ~~Any~~ EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE, ANY alteration of maximum limits on State highways or extensions thereof in a municipality by local authorities shall not be effective until the alteration has been approved by the State Roads Commission.

§ 11-804. *Minimum speed regulation.*

(a) *No person shall willfully drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.*

(b) *Whenever the State Roads Commission or local authorities within their respective jurisdictions determine on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that slow speeds on any part of a highway impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, the Commission or the local authority may determine and declare a minimum speed limit below which no person shall drive a vehicle except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.*

(c) *It is unlawful to operate upon a public highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles, which is designed to be and is operated at a speed of 25 miles per hour or less, unless the rear-most vehicle displays a "slow-moving vehicle emblem," except upon vehicles used by a utility, whether publicly or privately owned, for the construction, maintenance, or repair of its own facilities or upon vehicles used by*