

this subtitle; as to the general jurisdiction of the State Highway Administration over the State highway system, see Title 8 of this article.

Also in subsection (a), the present phrase "not to exceed 55 miles per hour" is deleted as unnecessary in light of §21-801.1(d) and (e) to the same effect.

In subsection (b) of this section, the present reference to a posted limit "lawfully" in effect on December 31, 1974, is deleted as unnecessary and — since the right to conform to the specified statutory limits in §21-801.1 should not be contingent on the lawfulness of the nonforming limit — misleading.

21-803. ALTERATION OF MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

(A) WHEN LOCAL AUTHORITY MAY ALTER SPECIFIED LIMITS.

(1) IF, ON THE BASIS OF AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION, A LOCAL AUTHORITY DETERMINES THAT ANY MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE IS GREATER OR LESS THAN REASONABLE OR SAFE UNDER EXISTING CONDITIONS ON ANY PART OF A HIGHWAY IN ITS JURISDICTION, IT MAY ESTABLISH A REASONABLE AND SAFE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR THAT PART OF THE HIGHWAY, WHICH MAY:

(I) DECREASE THE LIMIT AT AN INTERSECTION;

(II) INCREASE THE LIMIT IN AN URBAN DISTRICT TO NOT MORE THAN 50 MILES AN HOUR; OR

(III) DECREASE THE LIMIT OUTSIDE AN URBAN DISTRICT TO NOT LESS THAN 25 MILES AN HOUR.

(2) AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO CONFORM A POSTED MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT IN EFFECT ON DECEMBER 31, 1974, TO A DIFFERENT LIMIT SPECIFIED IN §21-801.1(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) WHEN ALTERED LIMITS EFFECTIVE.

AN ALTERED MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION IS EFFECTIVE WHEN POSTED ON APPROPRIATE SIGNS GIVING NOTICE OF THE LIMIT.

(C) APPROVAL BY STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION REQUIRED.

EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE CITY, ANY ALTERATION BY A LOCAL AUTHORITY OF A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON A PART OR EXTENSION OF A STATE HIGHWAY IS NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL IT IS APPROVED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.