

Vehicle Laws - Speeding Violations in School Zones - Penalties

FOR the purpose of providing that a person convicted for of speeding within certain zones is subject to a fine double the amount that would otherwise apply under certain circumstances, subject to a specified limit; prohibiting a person from speeding within certain zones; authorizing the establishment of school zones; authorizing the State Highway Administration and local authorities to place on certain highways certain traffic control devices in addition to signs in certain zones; providing that ~~the political subdivision~~ local authorities requesting the ~~zone designation to~~ State Highway Administration to establish school zones on local highways are responsible for certain costs; providing that certain ~~signs~~ traffic control devices must be posted in place for certain provisions to be in effect; limiting the maximum speed limits in certain school zones under certain circumstances; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to take certain actions in relation to the penalty deposit schedule; and generally relating to the establishment of school zones and the penalties for speeding within the zones.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 21-803.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Transportation

Section 27-101(r)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

21-803.1.

(a) (1) ~~On the request of any political subdivision, the~~ SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, WITHIN A HALF-MILE RADIUS OF ANY SCHOOL, THE State Highway Administration may OR A LOCAL AUTHORITY:

(I) MAY establish speed zones A SCHOOL ZONE and maximum speed limits within a half mile radius of any school located adjacent to any highway in the political subdivision APPLICABLE IN THE SCHOOL ZONE; AND

(II) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, MAY PROVIDE THAT FINES ARE TO BE DOUBLED FOR SPEEDING VIOLATIONS WITHIN THE SCHOOL ZONE.

(2) (1) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY ESTABLISH A SCHOOL ZONE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ON ANY STATE