

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2836** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Representatives K. Schmidt, R. Fisher and Blanton

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1 AN ACT Relating to authority for setting speed limits; and amending
2 RCW 46.61.410.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.410 and 1987 c 397 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) Subject to subsection (2) of this section the secretary may
7 increase the maximum speed limit on any highway or portion thereof to
8 not more than seventy miles per hour in accordance with the design
9 speed thereof (taking into account all safety elements included
10 therein), or whenever the secretary determines upon the basis of an
11 engineering and traffic investigation that such greater speed is
12 reasonable and safe under the circumstances existing on such part of
13 the highway.

14 (b) ~~((If the federal government increases the national maximum
15 speed limit to at least sixty-five miles per hour on any part of the
16 highway system, the secretary of transportation shall forthwith
17 increase to that same speed the maximum speed limit on any such highway
18 or portion thereof then posted at fifty-five miles per hour to a
19 maximum of sixty-five miles per hour, subject to subsection (2) of this~~

1 section, if such limit had been established for that highway or portion
2 thereof in order to comply with the former national maximum speed
3 limit. However, if an engineering and traffic investigation conducted
4 by the department clearly indicates that a speed limit above fifty five
5 miles an hour would be unsafe for that highway or a portion thereof,
6 the secretary of transportation shall not increase the speed limit for
7 that highway or portion thereof above the safe speed indicated by the
8 investigation. The speed limit on interstate route number 5 between
9 Everett and Olympia may not be increased above fifty five miles per
10 hour under this subsection (b).

11 (~~e~~) The greater maximum limit established under (a) (~~or (b)~~) of
12 this subsection shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice
13 thereof are erected, or if a maximum limit is established for auto
14 stages which is lower than the limit for automobiles, the auto stage
15 speed limit shall become effective thirty days after written notice
16 thereof is mailed in the manner provided in subsection (4) of this
17 section.

18 (~~(d)~~) (c) Such maximum speed limit may be declared to be
19 effective at all times or at such times as are indicated upon said
20 signs or in the case of auto stages, as indicated in said written
21 notice; and differing limits may be established for different times of
22 day, different types of vehicles, varying weather conditions, and other
23 factors bearing on safe speeds, which shall be effective when posted
24 upon appropriate fixed or variable signs or if a maximum limit is
25 established for auto stages which is lower than the limit for
26 automobiles, the auto stage speed limit shall become effective thirty
27 days after written notice thereof is mailed in the manner provided in
28 subsection (4) of this section.

29 (2) The maximum speed limit for vehicles over ten thousand pounds
30 gross weight and vehicles in combination except auto stages shall not
31 exceed sixty miles per hour and may be established at a lower limit by
32 the secretary as provided in RCW 46.61.405.

33 (3) The word "trucks" used by the department on signs giving notice
34 of maximum speed limits means vehicles over ten thousand pounds gross
35 weight and all vehicles in combination except auto stages.

36 (4) Whenever the secretary establishes maximum speed limits for
37 auto stages lower than the maximum limits for automobiles, the
38 secretary shall cause to be mailed notice thereof to each auto
39 transportation company holding a certificate of public convenience and

1 necessity issued by the Washington utilities and transportation
2 commission. The notice shall be mailed to the chief place of business
3 within the state of Washington of each auto transportation company or
4 if none then its chief place of business without the state of
5 Washington.

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