



MEMO OF SUPPORT

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Authorizes cities, villages and towns to reduce speed limits to 25 miles per hour

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Title

An act to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing cities, villages and towns to reduce the speed limit to twenty-five miles per hour.

Summary

Section one amends section 1643 of the vehicle and traffic law to allow the legislative body of any city or village to establish a maximum speed limit of 25mph.

Section two amends section 1662-a of the vehicle and traffic law to allow a town board to establish a maximum speed limit of 25mph.

Section three amends subdivision two of section 1622 of the vehicle and traffic law to provide that no speed limits along all such highways lying within areas as designated by a description of the boundaries submitted by the county superintendent of highways or the town board shall be established at less than 25mph.

Section four provides the effective date as immediately.

Statement of Support

Reinvent Albany supports the intent of this legislation to grant localities greater authority over their speed limits.

Regarding home rule issues generally, Reinvent Albany believes the state should grant localities permanent authority to:

- Set minimum speed limits;
- Create and operate automated traffic enforcement camera programs including hours of operation, number and type of cameras, locations and penalties;
- Establish Residential Parking Permit programs; and
- Use automated parking enforcement.