

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0223

Interstate 80-safe speeds.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Baker, Eklund, Harshman,  
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Senator(s) Kolb

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring variable speed  
2 limits as specified; requiring variable speed limit signs  
3 as specified; providing an appropriation; and providing for  
4 an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-301(b)(vi) and 31-5-302 are  
9 amended to read:

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11 **31-5-301. Maximum speed limits.**

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13 (b) Except when a special hazard exists that requires  
14 lower speed for compliance with subsection (a) of this  
15 section, subject to W.S. 31-5-203(b), the limits specified

1 in this subsection or established as otherwise authorized  
2 shall be maximum lawful speeds and no person shall drive a  
3 vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of maximum  
4 limits:

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6 (vi) Notwithstanding paragraph (iii) of this  
7 subsection, eighty (80) miles per hour on interstate  
8 highways designated by the superintendent and on interstate  
9 80 when indicated upon variable signs according to  
10 W.S. 31-5-302(b);

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12 **31-5-302. Establishment of specific maximum speed**  
13 **limits by superintendent.**

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15 (a) Whenever the superintendent determines upon the  
16 basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, or in  
17 the event of a vehicle or weather emergency, that a maximum  
18 speed greater or less than that authorized herein is safe  
19 and reasonable under the conditions found to exist at any  
20 intersection or other place or upon any part of the state  
21 highway system, the superintendent, except as provided for  
22 in W.S. 31-5-303(b), may determine and declare a reasonable  
23 and safe maximum limit thereat, which shall be effective

1 when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected  
2 and which shall not exceed eighty (80) miles per hour on  
3 interstate highways. The maximum speed limit may be  
4 declared to be effective at all times or at such times as  
5 are indicated upon the signs and differing limits may be  
6 established for different times of day, different types of  
7 vehicles, varying weather conditions, and other factors  
8 bearing on safe speeds, which shall be effective when  
9 posted upon appropriate fixed or variable signs. This  
10 section does not grant power to the superintendent to  
11 declare statewide or countywide maximum speed limits but  
12 grants power to declare maximum speed limits for the public  
13 safety in localized geographic areas.

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15 (b) Whenever the superintendent designates a maximum  
16 speed limit of eighty (80) miles per hour on interstate 80,  
17 the maximum speed limit shall be indicated upon variable  
18 signs. Different limits on interstate 80 shall be  
19 established as the superintendent determines necessary for  
20 different times of day, different types of vehicles,  
21 varying weather conditions and other factors bearing on  
22 safe speeds, which shall be effective when posted upon the  
23 variable signs.

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2           **Section 2.** There is appropriated one dollar (\$1.00)  
3 from the legislative stabilization reserve account to the  
4 department of transportation for the costs of implementing  
5 this act. This appropriation shall be for the period  
6 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending  
7 June 30, 2022. This appropriation shall not be transferred  
8 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,  
9 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall  
10 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2022. It is the  
11 intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be  
12 included in the department's standard budget for the  
13 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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15           **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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