

ENROLLED ACT NO. 81, SENATE

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AN ACT relating to speed limits; authorizing local authorities to set maximum speed limits on unpaved roadways without first conducting a speed study or justifying the maximum speed limit; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-303(b) and by creating a new subsection (f) is amended to read:

**31-5-303. Establishing maximum speed limits by local authorities.**

(b) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, in compliance with rules promulgated by the department, local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may determine the proper maximum speed for all streets and highways within their respective corporate jurisdiction which maximum speed is reasonable and safe and which may be greater or less than the maximum speed permitted under this act. The rules promulgated by the department shall adopt standards consistent with national practices. The department shall not promulgate rules that require a speed study before a local authority establishes a maximum speed limit for unpaved roads in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

(f) A local authority may decrease a maximum speed limit to not less than thirty-five (35) miles per hour for unpaved roadways under W.S. 31-5-301(b)(iv) without first conducting a speed study. A local authority may establish a temporary speed limit of less than thirty-five (35) miles per hour without conducting a speed study and for a period not exceeding one (1) year for purposes including, but not

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limited to, construction, maintenance, special events, emergency situations and changes in use. Before establishing a temporary speed limit of less than thirty-five (35) miles per hour, the local authority shall consult with the local authority's engineer or road and bridge superintendent and law enforcement with jurisdiction over the roadway.

**Section 2.** The department of transportation shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act.

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**Section 3.**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk