

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

House Bill Number 378

Legislative Action:

Introduced by: Representative Lindsey Cranford
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House Committee: _____
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 Senate: _____
 Governor: _____

Delegation: Miles City

Referred to Committee: House Natural Resources & Transportation Committee

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM
 2 SPEEDON MONTANA'S INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS." AMENDING MONTANA
 3 CODE ANNOTATED 61-8-311.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

5 Section 1. A person may not drive a motor vehicle at a speed slow enough to impede or
 6 block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is
 7 necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.

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 9 Section 2. On a two-lane highway where passing is unsafe because of oncoming traffic or
 10 other conditions, the operator of a slow-moving vehicle behind which four or more
 11 vehicles are formed in line shall turn off the roadway at the nearest area where a
 12 sufficient and safe turnout exists in order to permit the vehicles following it to proceed. If
 13 the shoulder of the highway to the right of the slow-moving vehicle is wide enough and is
 14 in a condition allowing safe travel, the operator of the slow-moving vehicle may drive
 15 onto the shoulder and proceed at a safe speed until passed. As used in this section, a
 16 slow-moving vehicle is one that is proceeding at a rate of speed less than the normal flow
 17 of traffic at the particular time and place. The department of transportation is authorized
 18 to designate and construct turnouts and to erect official traffic control devices at
 19 appropriate places advising motorists of this statute.

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 21 Section 3. If the department of transportation or local authorities within their respective
 22 jurisdictions determine on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that slow
 23 speeds on any part of a highway impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic,
 24 the commission or the local authority may set a minimum speed limit below which a
 25 person may not operate a vehicle except when necessary for safe operation or in
 26 compliance with law.

27 Section 4. A person shall not drive slower than fifty miles per hour on all Interstate
28 Highways in Montana with the exceptions:

29 (a) in the case of an emergency,

30 (b) if road conditions are not suitable to drive faster than the set fifty miles per hour, or

31 (c) if road construction or other factors do not allow for this speed limit.Section 5. Any
32 person violating this law will be fined no less than 50 dollars but no more than 100
33 dollars. This money will go to a Montana Interstate Highway Repair Fund.Section 6.

34 Effective date. This bill shall become effective immediately after its passage.

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