

# State of New York

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IN SENATE  
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Introduced by Sen. PADAVAN – read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation.

AN ACT to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to the establishment of speed limits in cities having a population in excess of one million people.

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 1642 of the vehicle and traffic
- 2 law is amended by adding a new paragraph 26 to read as follows:
- 3 26. (a) Establishment of maximum speed limits below twenty-five
- 4 miles per hour at which motor vehicles may proceed on or along desig-
- 5 nated highways within such city for the explicit purpose of implementing
- 6 traffic calming measures as such term is defined herein; provided,
- 7 however, that no speed limit shall be set below fifteen miles per hour
- 8 nor shall such speed limit be established where the traffic calming
- 9 measure to be implemented consists solely of a traffic control sign.
- 10 Establishment of such a speed limit shall, where applicable, be in
- 11 compliance with the provisions of sections sixteen hundred twenty-four
- 12 and sixteen hundred eighty-four of this chapter. Nothing contained here-
- 13 in shall be deemed to alter or affect the establishment of school speed
- 14 limits pursuant to the provisions of section sixteen hundred forty-three
- 15 of this article. For the purposes of this paragraph, “traffic calming
- 16 measures” shall mean any physical engineering measure or measures that
- 17 reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior
- 18 and improve conditions for non-motorized street users such as pedestri-
- 19 ans and bicyclists.
- 20 (b) Any city establishing maximum speed limits below twenty-five
- 21 miles per hour pursuant to clause (i) of this subparagraph shall submit
- 22 a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the
- 23 speaker of the assembly on or before March first, two thousand one on
- 24 the results of using traffic calming measures and speed limits lower
- 1 than twenty-five miles per hour as authorized by this paragraph. Such
- 2 report shall include, but not be limited to the following:
- 3 (i) a description of the designated highways where traffic calming
- 4 measures and a lower speed limit were established and
- 5 (ii) a description of the specific traffic calming measures used and
- 6 the maximum speed limit established.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.