



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 19
[2015 Assembly Bill 27]

**Maximum Speed Limit on Freeways
and Expressways**

BACKGROUND

Statutes specify the maximum speed limit for freeways and expressways in Wisconsin. Statutes also authorize the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish a lower speed limit on any segment of a freeway or expressway where DOT finds, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that the statutory speed limit is greater than is reasonable or safe under the circumstances. [ss. 346.57 (4) (gm) and 349.11 (1) (a), Stats.]

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The Act raised the maximum speed limit from 65 MPH to 70 MPH on freeways, including interstate freeways, and portions of expressways that give preference to through traffic by utilizing only interchanges. The Act did not modify DOT's authority to establish lower speed limits.

Effective date: The Act took effect on May 22, 2015.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.