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HB 1114

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1114

House Transportation Committee

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Hearing Date: 01-12-2007

Recorder Job Number: 1008

Committee Clerk Signature

Lisa M Thomas

Minutes:

Chairman Weisz opened the hearing on HB 1114. All Representatives were present.

HB 1114 relates to minimum speed limits.

Rep. Gruchalla introduced the bill.

Rep. Gruchalla: This bill came as a result of my previous life in law enforcement. During that time I worked the highways in different areas of the state and what I determined over the course of that twenty five years was that the interstate is a dangerous place to drive. Especially if you are driving a slow moving vehicle. North Dakota is one of the few states that don't have a minimum speed limit on the interstate system. This bill would make the interstate have a minimum speed limit of forty miles per hour. We did some research and you will hear some testimony about crashes that happen. The ones that do happen are spectacular with tractors and combines scattered all over the highway. Statistically on the interstate there are a lot of semi trucks on the interstate that weight one hundred and five thousand pounds going eighty miles an hour. When you come up behind a slow moving vehicle on the interstate that is going fifteen or twenty miles per hour and you are doing eighty with a rig like that, it takes a long time to stop. It is a safety issue to prevent crashes on the interstate. Many of you know that you can legally ride a bicycle down the interstate right now. That is why a lot of states have passed

this minimum speed limit, to keep the bicycles and the slow moving vehicles off of the interstate. They are designed to move traffic, rapidly and safely. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Rep. Dosch: Could you tell me, are there any provisions or how do you handle weather conditions that warrant slower speeds, is there a provision for that, or how does that work?

Rep. Gruchalla: There are provisions for; I believe we will have to prepare an amendment for the atmospheric conditions if the weather is too bad of course the law doesn't apply. Also, there is a provision in there for permitting, that if you have a large load that you have to move with a slow moving vehicle, you could get a permit but you would have to go through the standard DOT escort.

Rep. Delmore: Is there a provision for the payment for the violation?

Rep. Gruchalla: Right now most things in that chapter revert back to the twenty dollar fees. We are assuming that would be the fine.

Mitch Ruppel, North Dakota Highway Patrol, spoke in support of the bill.

Ruppel: Specifically I feel that a minimum speed limit is necessary in areas of the interstate that have seen such an increase in traffic volume over time. I live and work in the Fargo area in Cass County and so I speak of that area. Because an interstate in Western North Dakota is an interstate 94 and is the same in Dickinson. The only problem is, we have much more traffic on I-94 within twenty miles of Fargo than they do within twenty miles of Dickinson. And it does become a problem. Although it is the Red River Valley and mostly flat, there are areas because of constructions where line of site becomes a problem and I'll give you an example. If you are traveling on I-29 and you are traveling from the north to south and you come into Fargo as you go past nineteenth avenue there is a line of site problem with the railroad overhead and then with the change in elevation for twelfth avenue. I tried to get some figures from the DOT on what that line of site was and I'm told by the engineer that what they do is go

out and measure and I simply wasn't going to stand out on I-29 and run a tape down there and figure out what it was.

Rep. Thorpe: In the Fargo area, is this going to cause problems for access to the highway?

Ruppel: The ramps right now provide a good deal of distance to get up the speed and even on the clover leafs when you come off of them, you have an acceleration lane that is probably, I've never seen anybody have any problems. Although your point is taken because I know that some people have a tendency to go real slow to get onto the interstate. But in those instances, which I would say are far and few between, I would hope at least that the office would exercise good judgment and understand that.

Rep. Thorpe: I can certainly understand, us senior citizens take a little time to get on and off.

Ruppel: One other thing I wanted to bring up, the state doesn't recognize the need to regulate for slow moving vehicles on the highway already. When the electric car company in Fargo began their big production, they limited those vehicles to only streets or highways that have a speed limit of thirty five miles per hour or lower. So there is some recognition that having a slow moving vehicle on a road that has a high speed traffic, it does create a problem.

Rep. Dosch: What do you do now when you come across a vehicle that is slow moving on the interstate? Is there anything done with that?

Ruppel: We've had a lot of problems when they had the AG shows at the Fargo Dome. Sometimes it just seems like when they let them all out of the Fargo Dome, it seems to coincide with five o'clock. There have been times where we have seen that there is a problem and then we had to have our swat cars behind them to warn traffic.

There was no opposition to HB 1114. The hearing was closed and no action was taken at this time.

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1114

House Transportation Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: 01-18-2007

Recorder Job Number: 1413

Committee Clerk Signature

Jim M Thomas

Minutes:

Chairman Weisz allowed discussion on HB 1114. All Representatives were present.

HB 1114 relates to minimum speed limits.

Rep. Delmore: Rep. Gruchalla, what do we do with farm equipment? This would apply and they would need to have another vehicle to escort them?

Rep. Gruchalla: Currently, farm equipment is exempted from most laws in the traffic code and according to the DOT statute; you would need to get a permit before you move farm equipment. Farm equipment is the biggest problem on this; however, most of the farmers don't move equipment on the highway anymore.

Chairman Weisz: It is my understanding that the DOT would have the authority now to post minimum speed limit in certain areas if they see and I can't verify that right now.

Rep. Price: It didn't appear that this was really that big of an issue except around Fargo.

Chairman Weisz: That was my question if they could just enforce it in the Fargo area and post signs there.

Rep. Price: They do it in Washburn and Max and Wilton.

Chairman Weisz: I know they can do it for a maximum. The DOT has the ability now to lower any of the speed limits we have out there in certain areas, not blanket.

Rep. Thorpe: There are several small communities along some of these highways that within the last couple of years have lowered the speed limits.

Chairman Weisz: I know they can lower the maximum.

Rep. Ruby: The old language in number two pretty much said that they had the authority to do that.

Rep. Price: Maybe we should add "normal and reasonable" to give them one little piece that they can enact on their own?

Rep. Thorpe: Couldn't Fargo, wouldn't they have the authority to post their own minimum?

Rep. Gruchalla: Only the DOT can set the speed limits on state or federal highway.

Chairman Weisz: The DOT can at the request of the city.

Rep. Price: Has the law enforcement in Fargo or the city made a request to the DOT? Since they are supplying law enforcement during this farm shows.

Rep. Gruchalla: This is a new issue for North Dakota. There has never been a minimum speed limit on any of the roads in the state that I am aware of. What brought this about was the fact that it is a safety issue and this would eliminate it.

Grant Levi, DOT, came before the committee.

Levi: You are talking about eliminating from the bill the portion that says "on interstate highway systems" and then the message that you would be sending is a philosophical message that would give us the authority as I see which I'm not sure we may already have.

Rep. Kelsch: That's what I was worried about is that Bismarck-Mandan area. Now you are going to lower it even more. (laughing)

Rep. Thorpe: I have gotten three or four emails and their concern is that if they put the minimum speed limits on the Fargo area or wherever that incase it's snowing out or icy, will they be ticketed for going too slow?

Chairman Weisz: We do have a proposed amendment in front of us, any further discussion?

Rep. Sukut: When you take number three out of this thing, the rest of it looks, explain what's happening there to me.

Chairman Weisz: What you are doing is adding an extra criteria that the director could and not adding space.

Rep. Kelsch: With number three in there and with the half a million dollar fiscal note, they would have had to gone out and posted all of the roads with the minimum speed limit. What we are doing now is JUST the Fargo area needs to have a minimum speed limit.

Rep. Owens: This includes interstate?

Chairman Weisz: Yes.

Rep. Thorpe: I would like to facilitate this by moving the amendment.

Chairman Weisz: We do have a motion already.

Rep. Ruby had moved to adopt the amendments. Rep. Price seconded.

Roll Call Vote: 11 yes. 2 no. 0 absent.

Rep. Owens moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED. Rep. Vigesaa seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 10 yes. 3 no. 0 absent.

Carrier: Rep. Vigesaa

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/23/2007

Amendment to: HB 1114

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

As amended, this bill has no fiscal impact.

B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

Name:	Darcy Rosendahl	Agency:	NDDOT
Phone Number:	328-4408	Date Prepared:	01/24/2007

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

01/11/2007

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1114

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures				\$500,000		
Appropriations				\$500,000		

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill would result in a minimum speed requirement of 40 mph for the Interstate system.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

To inform the public of the minimum speed requirements, the DOT would have to erect and maintain signing on our Interstate Highway system. It would cost approximately \$500,000 to accomplish this.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The cost to provide and erect the signing for the 40 mph minimum speed requirement would be approximately \$500,000 in the 2007-2009 biennium.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The DOT would need an addition to its appropriation to cover the \$500,000 signing costs.

Name:	Darcy Rosendahl	Agency:	NDDOT
Phone Number:	328-4408	Date Prepared:	01/11/2007

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1/19/07

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1114

Page 1, line 14, after the first "the" insert "safe," and after "normal" insert an underscored comma

Page 1, remove lines 19 through 24

Renumber accordingly

Date: 1-18-07
Roll Call Vote #: HB 1114

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. _____

House Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken do pass as amended

Motion Made By Ruby Seconded By Price

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Weisz	✓		Rep. Delmore	✓	
Vice Chairman Ruby	✓		Rep. Gruchalla		✓
Rep. Dosch	✓		Rep. Myxter		✓
Rep. Kelsch	✓		Rep. Schmidt	✓	
Rep. Owens	✓		Rep. Thorpe	✓	
Rep. Price	✓				
Rep. Sukut	✓				
Rep. Vigasaa	✓				

Total Yes 11 No 2

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

*Eliminate subsection 3 on line 19
add "safe" to line 14 after "the".*

Date: 1-18-07
Roll Call Vote #: HB 1114

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. _____

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House Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do pass as amended

Motion Made By Rep. Owens Seconded By Rep. Vigesaa

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Weisz	✓		Rep. Delmore	✓	
Vice Chairman Ruby	✓		Rep. Gruchalla	✓	
Rep. Dosch		✓	Rep. Myxter	✓	
Rep. Kelsch	✓		Rep. Schmidt		✓
Rep. Owens	✓		Rep. Thorpe		✓
Rep. Price	✓				
Rep. Sukut	✓				
Rep. Vigesaa	✓				

Total Yes 10 No 3

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Vigesaa

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1114: Transportation Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1114 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 14, after the first "the" insert "safe," and after "normal" insert an underscored comma

Page 1, remove lines 19 through 24

Renumber accordingly

2007 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1114

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. Engrossed HB 1114

Senate Transportation Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: February 22, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 3706 & 3708

Committee Clerk Signature

Judy Hauge

Minutes:

Senator Gary Lee opened the hearing on HB 1114 relating to minimum speed limits.

Representative Gruchalla introduced the bill. His written testimony is enclosed. The intent of this bill was to establish a minimum speed limit on our Interstate Highways. This bill was amended in committee over his objections. He gave an example of why these slow moving vehicles create problems and are a danger on the highways.

Senator Potter asked, "How slow was the speed limit in your bill?"

Representative Gruchalla said, 40 mph on the Interstate. He also said Mn and SD have adopted minimum speed limits on their Interstate Highways and thirty some states have some form of minimum speed limit.

Senator Potter asked about bikes on the shoulder of the road. "Are you trying to ban bikes on the shoulder of the road?" He asked if on the original bill if it would not have been amended it would have prohibited bikes on the shoulder of the roads.

Rep. Gruchalla answered, "That is correct." That was one of the main issues; to keep bicycles, pedestrians and slow moving vehicles off the Interstate Highways.

Senator Lee said that the way the bill reads, pedestrians would not be able to walk the shoulder of the Interstate. He asked if this was correct.

Rep. Gruchalla answered, "Correct".

Mitch Rumple spoke in support of HB 1114. He has been a police officer in ND for almost thirty years. He is a crash reconstruction expert for the State Highway Department. He presented information on his experience with slow moving vehicles. He stated that the average reaction time used to be $\frac{3}{4}$ of a second, now experts believe the reaction time is in excess of 5 seconds. He also said that there was a sight problem with the emblem.

Senator Potter asked if this is restricted just too Interstate.

Mr. Rumple said it was his understanding that it is limited to the Interstate.

Senator Bakke asked if there was a preferred minimum speed limit.

Mr. Rumple said he didn't know if that has been studied but other states seem to prefer forty mph minimum.

Senator Lee asked what problems a minimum speed limit will cause for the Fargodome.

Mr. Rumple gave an example of Titan Machinery. They are building over in Moorhead and will have to trailer their machinery back and forth if they participate in the farm shows at the dome. He believes this will be better because of safety.

Senator Potter asked if there was any information on how big of a problem this is or statistics on accidents involving people driving too slow.

Mr. Rumple said he did not compile any information on this but he sighted an accident two years ago. He sighted Fargo as becoming a metro area and stressed the need to address these problems. He also gave an example of an accident at Valley City five years ago. (10.29)

Senator Fiebiger asked if the states that have adopted these minimum have statistics showing fewer accidents.

Mr. Rumple said he had spoke with Minnesota and he didn't have the information with him but Mn has had their 40 mph minimum for many years, and they have significantly reduced their

crashes because of their minimum speed limit. They use this information to help regulate the size of the trucks.

Senator Potter asked if the bill gives the authority to the Director of the Highway Patrol and are they willing and able to implement this.

Mr. Rumple said he didn't want to speak for the Hwy Patrol but he did talk to the Colonel today and he thought the Director and Colonel would work with the different entities to come up with a consensus to make the roads safer but help industry at the same time.

Senator Bakke asked if there is a penalty associated with driving too slow.

Mr. Rumple said that the moving violations are presently twenty dollars and would think that if there was a penalty for driving too slow it would be twenty dollars.

Sandy Clark, NDFB spoke in favor of this HB 1114. The way the engrossed bill reads, it is basically back to the current law. She said FB would not have any problem with the bill the way it stands now. The NDFB is against the original version of the bill and legislating a 40mph minimum speed limit. Also talked in support of Farm Shows and moving equipment to and from these shows. She also said that most farmers and ranchers try hard not to use the Interstate unless they have to. The NDFB does not see this as a real problem.

No opposing testimony

Keith Magnusson of the NDDOT signed in as neutral on HB 1114 but commented that the present version of engrossed HB 1114 is already in law.

Senator Potter expressed again his concern of taking bikes off the road.

Mr. Magnusson said the bill as it is doesn't change anything that is in the law at present.

Representative Weisz explained the amendment to HB 1114 and why they passed it out of committee and the House. Also talked about the language in the bill and whether or not it actually changed the law.

Senator Lee closed the hearing on HB 1114.

Senator Lee opened committee work on HB 1114.

Senator Nething said he didn't think the bill hurt anything.

Senator Fiebiger said the engrossed bill is completely different than the original bill and saw no harm in passing it but....

Senator Potter wanted to go on record that we are not accepting Rep. Gruchalla argument of taking the opportunity to bike across ND. He does not want to see this opportunity lost.

Senator Bakke moved a Do Pass on engrossed HB 1114.

Senator Fiebiger seconded the motion.

The clerk called the roll. 4-1-1.

Senator Bakke will carry the bill on the Senate Floor.

Date: 2-22-07

Roll Call Vote #: /

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

4-1-1

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Senate Transportation

Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Senator Bakke Seconded By Senator Fiebiger

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Gary Lee		✓	Senator JoNell Bakke	✓	
V Ch John Andrist			Senator Tom Fiebiger	✓	
Senator Dave Nething	✓		Senator Tracy Potter	✓	

Total (Yes) 4 No 1

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Senator Bakke

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1114, as engrossed: Transportation Committee (Sen. G. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1114 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2007 TESTIMONY

HB 1114

1/14/

SUMMARY OF STATE SPEED LAWS Representative Gruchella

Arkansas:

Posted (Minimum) Speed Limit: Based upon engineering and traffic studies, a minimum speed limit for any highway may be established. §27-51-208(b). Note: Via signs, slower moving traffic may be directed to use designated lanes. §27-51-302(2)

Arizona:

Minimum Speed Limit: I. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle at a speed that is less than that which is reasonable and prudent under the existing circumstances. §28-701(E)

Posted (Minimum) Speed Limit: Based on engineering and traffic investigations, the Director of the State Department of Transportation or local government officials may establish a minimum speed limit on a highway. §28-704(B). Note: Slower moving traffic may be directed to use designated lanes. §28-729(3)

California:

Minimum Speed Limit: I. A person shall not drive a vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. Veh. Code §22400(a)

Posted (Minimum) Speed Limit: Based on engineering and traffic surveys, the State Department of Transportation may establish a minimum speed on any part of the State highway system. Veh. Code §22400(b)

II. 15 MPH is the maximum speed for vehicles equipped with solid tires and having a gross vehicle weight for 16,000 but <22,000 lbs. Veh. Code §22409

Colorado:

Minimum Speed Limit: I. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed so as to impede or block the normal and reasonable forward movement of traffic. §42-4-1103(1)

II. A person driving at less than the normal speed of traffic shall drive in the right-hand lane then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway. §§42-4-1001(2) & 43-4-1103(3)

Posted (Minimum) Speed Limit: The State or local authorities, based on traffic investigations and surveys, may post a minimum speed limit on any part of a highway. §42-4-1103(2)

Connecticut:

Minimum Speed Limit I. No person shall operate a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. § 14-220(a)

II. A person driving at less than the normal speed of traffic shall drive in the right-hand lane available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the highway. § 14-230(b)

Posted (Minimum) Speed Limit: 40 MPH² on a limited access divided highway. §14-220(a)

Delaware:

Minimum Speed Limit I. A person shall not operate a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. Title 21, §4171(a)

Posted (Minimum) Speed Limit: A minimum safe speed limit on a highway (or a part thereof) may be established. Title 21, §4171(b)

Florida:

Minimum Speed Limit: I. No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impeded or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. §316.183(5)

II. The minimum speed limit on Interstate and Defense Highways, with at least 4 lanes, is 40 MPH. §316.183(2)

III. A person driving at less than the normal speed of traffic shall drive in the right-hand lane then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway. §316.081(2)

Georgia:

Minimum Speed Limit: I. No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. §40-6-184(a)(1)

Posted (Minimum) Speed Limit: Based on engineering and traffic investigations, the State or local government within its jurisdiction may establish a minimum speed limit on any highway. §40-6-184(b). Note: Via signs, "specified traffic" (e.g., slower moving traffic, buses or trucks) may be directed to use designated lanes. §40-6-48(4)

Hawaii:

Posted (Minimum) Speed Limit: I. The Director of Transportation may place signs establishing the minimum speed limit on any highway. §291C-102(b)

H. Local governments may establish minimum speed limits on streets and highways under their jurisdiction. §291C-163(a)(5), (10), (15) & (23)

Idaho:

Minimum Speed Limit: I. No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with the law. §49-655

II. A person driving at less than the normal speed of traffic shall drive in the right-hand lane available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of highway. §49-630(2)

Illinois:

Posted (Minimum) Speed Limit: Based on engineering and traffic investigations, the State may establish a minimum speed limit on any part of a highway or street. §625 ILCS 5/11-601(b). Note: Via signs, "specified traffic" (e.g. slower moving traffic) may be directed to used designated lanes. §625 ILCS 5/11-709(c)

Indiana:

Minimum Speed Limit: I. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle at a slow speed that impedes or blocks the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. §9-21-5-7

Posted (Minimum) Speed Limit: Based on engineering and traffic investigations, the State Department of Transportation or a local government, for highways with its jurisdiction, may establish a minimum speed on any part of a highway. §9-21-5-8

Iowa:

Minimum Speed Limit: I. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. §321.294

II. A vehicle, which cannot attain and maintain a speed of 40 MPH, cannot be driven on the interstate system. §321.285

III. A person, driving at less than the normal speed of traffic, shall drive in the right-hand lane then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway. §321.297(2)

Posted (Minimum) Speed Limit: Based on engineering and traffic investigations, the State may establish a minimum speed limit on controlled-access, multi-laned highways including interstate highways. §321.285

Kansas:

Posted (Minimum) Speed Limit: I. Based on engineering and traffic investigations, either the State Secretary of Transportation or local government authorities may establish a minimum speed limit on any highway or part thereof. §8-1561(b)

HB1114

Rep. Ed Gruchalla Dist. 45 (North Fargo)

Senate Transportation Committee Testimony

Feb. 22, 2007

Minimum Speed limits on Interstate Highways in North Dakota

1. Many States including MN & SD have adopted minimum speed limits on their Interstate Highways.
2. The reasons listed for adopting minimums are the following:
 - a. Variance of closing speeds.
 - b. To keep slow moving vehicles off high speed roadways.
 - c. To keep bicycles off high speed roadways.
 - d. To keep pedestrians off high speed roadways.
 - e. The relationships between speed variance and sight distance.
 - f. To increase traffic safety.

Note: The intent of this bill was to establish a minimum speed limit on our interstate highways. This bill was amended in committee over my objections.