

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-878 of the Code of Virginia, relating to changing speed limits.*

3 [H 2029]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 46.2-878 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**7 **§ 46.2-878. Authority to change speed limits.**

8 A. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this article, the Commissioner of Highways or other
9 authority having jurisdiction over highways may decrease the speed limits set forth in § 46.2-870 and
10 may increase or decrease the speed limits set forth in §§ 46.2-873 through 46.2-875 on any highway
11 under its jurisdiction; and may establish differentiated speed limits for daytime and nighttime by
12 decreasing for nighttime driving the speed limits set forth in § 46.2-870 and by increasing for daytime or
13 decreasing for nighttime the speed limits set forth in §§ 46.2-873 through 46.2-875 on any highway
14 under his jurisdiction. Such increased or decreased speed limits and such differentiated speed limits for
15 daytime and nighttime driving shall be effective only when prescribed after a traffic engineering
16 investigation and when indicated on the highway by signs. It shall be unlawful to operate any motor
17 vehicle in excess of speed limits established and posted as provided in this section. The increased or
18 decreased speed limits over highways under the control of the Commissioner of Highways shall be
19 effective only when prescribed in writing by the Commissioner of Highways and kept on file in the
20 Central Office of the Department of Transportation. Whenever the speed limit on any highway has been
21 increased or decreased or a differential speed limit has been established and such speed limit is properly
22 posted, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the change in speed was properly established in
23 accordance with the provisions of this section.

24 B. *Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, including the provisions of subsection A, the*
25 *governing body of any town located entirely within the confines of a United States military base may by*
26 *ordinance reduce the speed limit to less than 25 miles per hour on any highway within its boundaries,*
27 *provided such reduced speed limit is indicated by lawfully placed signs.*

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