

House Bill 2297

Sponsored by Representative TOMEI (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Establishes speed limit of 15 miles per hour for narrow roadways in residence districts.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to speed in residence districts; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 811.105 and
3 811.111.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle**
6 **Code.**

7 **SECTION 2. "Narrow roadway" means a roadway that is:**

8 (1) **Located in a residence district;**

9 (2) **Intended for through vehicular traffic; and**

10 (3) **Not of sufficient width to allow one lane of traffic in each direction.**

11 **SECTION 3. ORS 811.105 is amended to read:**

12 811.105. (1) Any speed in excess of a designated speed posted by authority granted under ORS
13 810.180 is prima facie evidence of violation of the basic speed rule under ORS 811.100.

14 (2) If no designated speed is posted by authority granted under ORS 810.180, any speed in excess
15 of one of the following speeds is prima facie evidence of violation of the basic speed rule:

16 (a) Fifteen miles per hour when driving on an alley **or a narrow roadway**.

17 (b) Twenty miles per hour in a business district.

18 (c) Twenty-five miles per hour in any public park.

19 (d) Twenty-five miles per hour on a highway in a residence district if:

20 (A) The residence district is not located within a city; and

21 (B) The highway is neither an arterial nor a collector highway.

22 (e) Fifty-five miles per hour in locations not otherwise described in this section.

23 **SECTION 4. ORS 811.111 is amended to read:**

24 811.111. (1) A person commits the offense of violating a speed limit if the person:

25 (a) Drives a vehicle on an interstate highway at a speed greater than 65 miles per hour or, if
26 a different speed is posted under ORS 810.180 (3), at a speed greater than the posted speed.

27 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, drives any of the following vehicles at a
28 speed greater than 55 miles per hour on any highway or, if a different speed is posted under ORS
29 810.180 (3), at a speed greater than the posted speed:

30 (A) A motor truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds or a truck
31 tractor with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 8,000 pounds.

32 (B) A school bus.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 (C) A school activity vehicle.
- 2 (D) A worker transport bus.
- 3 (E) A bus operated for transporting children to and from church or an activity or function au-
4 thorized by a church.
- 5 (F) Any vehicle used in the transportation of persons for hire by a nonprofit entity as provided
6 in ORS 825.017 (9).
- 7 (c) Drives a vehicle or conveyance on any part of the ocean shore in this state at a speed
8 greater than any of the following:
 - 9 (A) Any designated speed for ocean shores that is established and posted under ORS 810.180.
 - 10 (B) If no designated speed is posted under ORS 810.180, 25 miles per hour.
 - 11 (d) Drives a vehicle upon a highway in any city at a speed greater than a speed posted by au-
12 thority granted under ORS 810.180 or, if no speed is posted, the following:
 - 13 (A) Fifteen miles per hour when driving on an alley **or a narrow roadway**.
 - 14 (B) Twenty miles per hour in a business district.
 - 15 (C) Twenty-five miles per hour in a public park.
 - 16 (D) Twenty-five miles per hour on a highway in a residence district if the highway is not an
17 arterial highway.
 - 18 (E) Sixty-five miles per hour on an interstate highway.
 - 19 (F) Fifty-five miles per hour in locations not otherwise described in this paragraph.
 - 20 (e) Drives a vehicle in a school zone at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour if the school zone
21 is:
 - 22 (A) A segment of highway described in ORS 801.462 (1)(a) and:
 - 23 (i) The school zone has a flashing light used as a traffic control device and operated under ORS
24 811.106 and the flashing light indicates that children may be arriving at or leaving school; or
 - 25 (ii) If the school zone does not have a flashing light used as a traffic control device, the person
26 drives in the school zone between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a day when school is in session.
 - 27 (B) A crosswalk described in ORS 801.462 (1)(b) and:
 - 28 (i) A flashing light used as a traffic control device and operated under ORS 811.106 indicates
29 that children may be arriving at or leaving school; or
 - 30 (ii) Children are present, as described in ORS 811.124.
 - 31 (2) The offense described in this section, violating a speed limit, is punishable as provided in
32 ORS 811.109.