

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2014 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Transportation

SB 392 — State Speed Zones

by Senators Brandes and Clemens

The bill revises statutes that control minimum and maximum speed limits on certain roadways in the state. The bill authorizes, but does not require, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to increase the speed limit on certain highways. The FDOT is authorized to increase speed limits on the identified roadways, subject to new maximum limits, and to set minimum speed limits on those roadways.

More specifically, the bill eliminates statutorily specified minimum speed limits on all highways that are a part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways with at least four lanes and authorizes the FDOT to determine the safe and advisable minimum speed limit on all such highways. Discretion to set minimum speed limits on all highways that are a part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways with at least four lanes is granted to the FDOT.

The bill authorizes a five-mile-per-hour increase in existing statutory maximum speed limits on state highways in Florida as follows:

- 75 mph on limited access highways;
- 70 mph on any other highways outside an urban area of 5,000 or more persons with at least four lanes divided by a median strip; and
- 65 mph on other roadways under the FDOT jurisdiction.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 27-11; House 58-56