

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0239

Highway speed limits-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brown and Senator(s) Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to highways; limiting the authority of the  
2 director of the department of transportation to establish  
3 lower maximum speed limits as specified; and providing for  
4 an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-302 is amended to read:

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10 **31-5-302. Establishment of specific maximum speed**  
11 **limits by superintendent.**

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13 Whenever the superintendent determines upon the basis of an  
14 engineering and traffic investigation, or in the event of a  
15 vehicle or weather emergency, that a maximum speed greater  
16 or less than that authorized herein is required for safe  
17 and reasonable vehicle operation under the conditions found

1 to exist at any intersection or other place or upon any  
2 part of the state highway system, the superintendent,  
3 except as provided for in W.S. 31-5-303(b), may determine  
4 and declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereat,  
5 which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving  
6 notice thereof are erected. The maximum speed limit may be  
7 declared to be effective at all times or at such times as  
8 are indicated upon the signs and differing limits may be  
9 established for different times of day, different types of  
10 vehicles, varying weather conditions, and other factors  
11 bearing on safe speeds, which shall be effective when  
12 posted upon appropriate fixed or variable signs. This  
13 section does not grant power to the superintendent to  
14 declare statewide or countywide maximum speed limits but  
15 grants power to declare maximum speed limits for the public  
16 safety in localized geographic areas. The superintendent  
17 shall not enter into any agreement to establish or maintain  
18 a speed limit less than that established by W.S.  
19 31-5-301(b)(iv), in order to comply with any provision of  
20 the National Environmental Policy Act without approval of  
21 the legislature.

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1           **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon  
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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