

# HOUSE BILL 203

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HB 332/17 – ENV

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Maximum Speed Limits Outside Urban Districts**

3 **MC 24–19**

4 FOR the purpose of decreasing the lowest maximum speed limit that Montgomery County  
5 may establish for a highway outside an urban district under certain circumstances;  
6 making conforming changes; and generally relating to maximum speed limits  
7 outside urban districts in Montgomery County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Transportation  
10 Section 21–803(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 21–803.

17 (a) (1) If, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, a local  
18 authority determines that any maximum speed limit specified in this subtitle is greater or  
19 less than reasonable or safe under existing conditions on any part of a highway in its

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 jurisdiction, it may establish a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit for that part of  
2 the highway, which may:

- 3 (i) Decrease the limit at an intersection;
- 4 (ii) Increase the limit in an urban district to not more than 50 miles  
5 an hour;
- 6 (iii) Decrease the limit in an urban district; [or]
- 7 (iv) [Decrease] **EXCEPT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, DECREASE**  
8 the limit outside an urban district to not less than 25 miles an hour; **OR**
- 9 **(v) IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, DECREASE THE LIMIT OUTSIDE**  
10 **AN URBAN DISTRICT TO NOT LESS THAN ~~15~~ 20 MILES AN HOUR.**

11 (2) An engineering and traffic investigation is not required to conform a  
12 posted maximum speed limit in effect on December 31, 1974, to a different limit specified  
13 in § 21-801.1(b) of this subtitle.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2019.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.