

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

January 4, 2017

Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT relating to authorizing the city of Niagara Falls, county of Niagara, to reduce the speed limit in downtown Niagara Falls

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Notwithstanding any general, special or local law or code
2 to the contrary, the city of Niagara Falls, Niagara county is hereby
3 authorized and empowered to lower the speed limit to not less than twen-
4 ty-five miles per hour in downtown Niagara Falls, Niagara county. For
5 the purposes of this section, the term "downtown Niagara Falls, Niagara
6 County" shall mean the land area described as follows:

7 COMMENCING in the city of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York;

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9 Westerly right of way of John B. Daly Boulevard and the Southerly right
10 of way of Buffalo Avenue;

11 THENCE, leaving westerly along the Southerly right of way of Buffalo
12 Avenue, proceeding until its intersection with the easterly edge of
13 Riverside Drive;

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15 Drive until its intersection with the Westerly boundary of Holly Place;

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18 Falls State Park, then following said property boundary westerly and
19 northerly, proceeding until its intersection with the Northerly right of
20 way of Niagara Street;

21 THENCE, leaving easterly along the right of way of Niagara Street,
22 proceeding until its intersection with the Westerly right of way of
23 Rainbow Boulevard;

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5 Street, proceeding until its intersection with the Westerly right of way
6 of Whirlpool Street;
7 THENCE, leaving northerly along the Westerly right of way of Whirlpool
8 Street, also abutting along the line of land appropriated by and for the
9 People of the State of New York, proceeding until its intersection with
10 the Easterly right of way of Third Street;
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28 right of way of Buffalo Avenue, being also the POINT OF BEGINNING.
29 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE
INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
submitted in accordance with Senate Rule VI. Sec 1**

BILL NUMBER: S402

SPONSOR: ORTT

TITLE OF BILL: An act relating to authorizing the city of Niagara Falls, county of Niagara, to reduce the speed limit in downtown Niagara Falls

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:

To authorize the city of Niagara Falls to lower the speed limit in downtown Niagara Falls by five miles per hour.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS:

Section one empowers the city of Niagara Falls to lower the speed limit to not less than twenty-five miles per hour in downtown Niagara Falls.

EXISTING LAW:

Section 1643 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law concerning speed limits on highways in cities and villages provides that no such speed limit applicable throughout such city or village or within designated areas of such city or village shall be established at less than thirty miles per hour.

JUSTIFICATION:

The USA Niagara Development Corporation and the City of Niagara Falls have collaborated on a number of projects to attract new investment in downtown Niagara Falls and make the area more pedestrian- and bicycle friendly. One such project is to create a "wayfinding" system involving a number of new vehicular directional signs to help "trailblaze" visitors to various points of interest and services downtown.

This legislation would help make a "wayfinding" system possible for downtown Niagara Falls because it would allow new roadway signs to comply with federal regulations. The Federal Highway Administrations(FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic control Devices (MTCDD) permits "urban wayfinding systems" with a flinch cap height for letters on signs located on "urban streets where the speed limit is no more than 25 MPH". This size of lettering would be ideal for the new "wayfinding" system in downtown Niagara Falls.

The reduced speed limit would have additional benefits. Within the proposed area speed limit zone, the slower speed limit is anticipated to better correspond to existing operating speeds there as well as to facilitate greater pedestrian and bicycle safety.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

2012 A9094- Referred to Transportation Committee; S.6120 Passed Senate
2013-14 - S.4673A/A.6611A; Passed Senate S. 3115/A. 3640; Passed Senate

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None to New York State.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect immediately.

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 10, 2017

Introduced by M. of A. MORINELLO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

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