



# HOUSE BILL 378: Durham/Reduce Speed Limits.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 378 would reduce the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on residential streets in the City of Durham.*

**[As introduced, this bill was identical to S240, as introduced by Sens. Woodard, Murdock, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]**

**CURRENT LAW:** It is generally unlawful to operate a vehicle in excess of 35 miles per hour inside city corporate limits (G.S. 20-141(b)(1)). Cities may establish speed limits of less than 35 miles per hour on streets within their jurisdictions if they are not part of the State highway system and there is appropriate signage (G.S. 20-141(e)). Cities may establish speed limits of less than 35 miles per hour on streets within their jurisdictions that are part of the State highway system only after an engineering and traffic investigation determines the higher speed is unsafe, with a concurring ordinance passed by the Department of Transportation, and if there is appropriate signage (G.S. 20-141(f)).

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 378 would make it unlawful to drive in excess of 25 miles per hour on all residential streets in the City of Durham. It would provide a definition of residential streets for purposes of the act and provide that the speed limits become effective when appropriate signs are erected.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective December 1, 2021, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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