

# SENATE, No. 2106

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO SPEED LIMITS IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 17 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 12 by striking out the word “thirty” and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following words:- “twenty five”.

4 SECTION 2. Section 18 of said chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
5 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following new paragraph:-  
6 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, upon a vote by the city  
7 council, board of selectmen, of other legislative body, a city or town may make special  
8 regulations as to the speed of motor vehicles on “functionally classified local streets”  
9 defined by the Metropolitan Planning Organization as a public way in a residential area  
10 and a public way between a residential and a minor commercial area; provided, however,  
11 that a professional engineer in civil or traffic engineering registered within the  
12 Commonwealth and the chief of police or the board or officer having control of the police  
13 in a city or town first certify in writing that such regulation is consistent with the public  
14 interest and public safety; provided further, that such regulations shall not be subject to  
15 the approval of the department or the registrar.