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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**TRAFFIC SAFETY (MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR PROVINCIAL
FREEWAYS) AMENDMENT ACT, 2021**

MR. TURTON

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2021)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Amends RSA 2000 cT-6

- 1 The *Traffic Safety Act* is amended by this Act.
- 2 The following is added immediately before section 106:

Definitions

105.01 In this Division,

- (a) “provincial freeway” means a provincial highway designated as a freeway under section 4 of the *Highways Development and Protection Act* that is located outside of an urban area;
- (b) “provincial highway” has the same meaning as in the *Highways Development and Protection Act*.

3 Section 106 is amended as follows:

- (a) by renumbering section 106 as section 106(1);
- (b) by striking out subsection (1)(a) and substituting the following:
 - (a) except as otherwise provided by clause (a.1), 100 kilometres per hour is the maximum speed limit for a provincial highway that is located outside an urban area;

Explanatory Notes

1 Amends chapter T-6 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000.

2 Definitions

3 Section 106 presently reads:

106 Subject to a speed limit that is prescribed under section 108 for a highway,

(a) 100 kilometres per hour is the maximum speed limit for a provincial highway under the Highways Development and Protection Act that is located outside an urban area;

(b) 80 kilometres per hour is the maximum speed limit for

(c) by adding the following after clause (a):

(a.1) 120 kilometres per hour is the maximum speed limit for a provincial freeway that is not subject to an order made under subsection (2);

(d) in clause (b)(ii) by striking out “under the *Highways Development and Protection Act*”;

(e) by adding the following immediately after subsection (1):

(2) The Minister may, by order, exclude from the application of subsection (1)(a.1) a provincial freeway or a class of provincial freeways.

4 Section 108(1) is amended by striking out “under the *Highways Development and Protection Act*” **wherever it occurs.**

Coming into force

5 This Act comes into force on June 1, 2023.

- (i) *a highway that is subject to the direction, control and management of*
 - (A) *the council of a municipal district or Metis settlement, or RSA 2000*
 - (B) *the Minister responsible for the Special Areas Act, in the case of a special area;*
 - (ii) *a provincial highway under the Highways Development and Protection Act that is located within a city;*
 - (iii) *a highway that is located on an Indian reserve where the title to the highway is vested in the Crown in right of Alberta;*
 - (iv) *a forestry road;*
 - (v) *a licence of occupation road;*
 - (vi) *a highway located within an improvement district;*
 - (vii) *a highway that is subject to the direction, control and management of the Minister responsible for the Provincial Parks Act;*
- (c) *subject to clause (b)(ii), 50 kilometres per hour is the maximum speed limit for a highway located within an urban area.*

4 Section 108(1) presently reads in part:

108(1) In accordance with the following, a road authority may prescribe speed limits that are different from the speed limits established under section 106 or 107:

- (a) *in the case of a provincial highway or a portion of a provincial highway under the Highways Development and Protection Act, the Minister may prescribe a maximum speed limit that is different from the relevant maximum speed limit prescribed in section 106;*
- (d) *in the case of a highway referred to in section 106(b) that is not a provincial highway under the Highways Development and Protection Act, a road authority may prescribe a maximum speed limit that is not higher than 100 kilometres per hour;*

5 Coming into force

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