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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 707

Introduced by Assembly Member Ting

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 22352 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 707, as amended, Ting. Vehicles.

Existing law provides that the prima facie speed limit is 25 miles per hour when passing a senior center or other facility primarily used by senior citizens that is next to a street other than a state highway and posted with a standard "SENIOR" warning sign. Existing law provides that a local authority is not required to erect the standard "SENIOR" warning sign until it receives donations from a private source to cover the costs of erecting the signage and the local authority determines that the proposed signing should be implemented. Existing law provides, however, that a local authority may pay for the cost of erecting the signs with any other funds available to it.

This bill would instead ~~provide that~~ *permit* a local authority ~~is required~~ to erect a standard "SENIOR" warning sign when it determines that the proposed signing should be implemented. The bill would also authorize a local authority to request grant funding to pay for the erection of those warning signs from the Pedestrian Safety ~~Account~~. *Account or from any other source of grant funding.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22352 of the Vehicle Code is amended
2 to read:
3 22352. The prima facie limits are as follows and shall be
4 applicable unless changed as authorized in this code and, if so
5 changed, only when signs have been erected giving notice thereof:
6 (a) Fifteen miles per hour:
7 (1) When traversing a railway grade crossing, if during the last
8 100 feet of the approach to the crossing the driver does not have
9 a clear and unobstructed view of the crossing and of any traffic on
10 the railway for a distance of 400 feet in both directions along the
11 railway. This subdivision does not apply in the case of any railway
12 grade crossing where a human flagman is on duty or a clearly
13 visible electrical or mechanical railway crossing signal device is
14 installed but does not then indicate the immediate approach of a
15 railway train or car.
16 (2) When traversing any intersection of highways if during the
17 last 100 feet of the driver’s approach to the intersection the driver
18 does not have a clear and unobstructed view of the intersection
19 and of any traffic upon all of the highways entering the intersection
20 for a distance of 100 feet along all those highways, except at an
21 intersection protected by stop signs or yield right-of-way signs or
22 controlled by official traffic control signals.
23 (3) On any alley.
24 (b) Twenty-five miles per hour:
25 (1) On any highway other than a state highway, in any business
26 or residence district unless a different speed is determined by local
27 authority under procedures set forth in this code.
28 (2) When approaching or passing a school building or the
29 grounds thereof, contiguous to a highway and posted with a
30 standard “SCHOOL” warning sign, while children are going to or
31 leaving the school either during school hours or during the noon
32 recess period. The prima facie limit shall also apply when
33 approaching or passing any school grounds which are not separated
34 from the highway by a fence, gate, or other physical barrier while
35 the grounds are in use by children and the highway is posted with

1 a standard “SCHOOL” warning sign. For purposes of this
2 subparagraph, standard “SCHOOL” warning signs may be placed
3 at any distance up to 500 feet away from school grounds.

4 (3) When passing a senior center or other facility primarily used
5 by senior citizens, contiguous to a street other than a state highway
6 and posted with a standard “SENIOR” warning sign. A local
7 authority ~~is not required to~~ *may erect any a* sign pursuant to this
8 paragraph ~~until when~~ the local agency makes a determination that
9 the proposed signing should be implemented. A local authority
10 may request grant funding from the Pedestrian Safety Account
11 pursuant to Section 894.7 of the Streets and Highways ~~Code to~~
12 ~~cover the cost of erecting the signs~~ *Code, or any other grant*
13 *funding available to it, and use that grant funding to pay for the*
14 *erection of those signs, or may utilize any other funds available to*
15 *it to pay for the erection of those signs. signs, including, but not*
16 *limited to, donations from private sources.*