

State Senate Enacts Local Speed Limit Legislation

MICHAEL F. NOZZOLIO March 27, 2014

New York State Senator Mike Nozzolio announced today that legislation he co-sponsored and fought to enact has been adopted in the New York State Senate. Senate bill S.1356 would authorize towns to set speed limits on roads within their own jurisdictions.

"One of my most important responsibilities as a State Senator is to listen to the needs of my constituents and provide whatever assistance I can in helping them to make their local communities a better place to live, work and raise their families. A good and safe transportation system is critical for economic growth and opportunity in my District. As State Senator, I will continue my efforts to do all possible to provide our local governments with the tools and resources they need to improve the safety of our local roads", said Senator Mike Nozzolio.

This legislation, S.1356 would authorize towns to establish maximum speed limits on all town highways that are classified as local roads. Speed limits could be less than the 55 miles per hour statutory maximum speed limit. Towns that elect to set maximum speed limits would need to do so in accordance with the law regarding engineering specifications and other factors applicable to speed limits. Speed limit changes would also require certification by a licensed professional engineer familiar with the Department of Transportation regulations. Senate bill S.1356 is supported by the Association of Towns, Parks & Trails New York and the AARP.

"I am hopeful that the Assembly will act without delay to adopt this important measure into law," said Senator Mike Nozzolio.

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