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Senate Bill 117 (as introduced 1-30-07)
Sponsor: Senator Nancy Cassis
Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to provide that, beginning on the bill's effective date, a speed limit that was posted as of November 9, 2006, in a residence district on a dirt or gravel road located in a city, village, or township would be effective unless the city or village council or township board requested the county road commission to change the speed limit within that posted area, and the speed limit was re-established as provided in the Code.

Under the bill, "residence district" would mean that term as defined in former Section 51 of the Code, i.e., the territory contiguous to a highway not comprising a business district when the frontage on that highway for at least 300 feet is occupied mainly by dwellings, or by dwellings and buildings for use in business.

(November 9, 2006, is the effective date of Public Act 85 of 2006, which amended the Code's speed limits provisions. Among other things, Public Act 85 established 55 miles per hour as the "general speed limit"—that is, the maximum speed limit on all highways or parts of highways for which the Code does not otherwise set a maximum speed limit.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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