

An Act Authorizing the Establishment of Senior Citizen

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The Problem

- Senior citizens are at higher risk for being struck by vehicles than other citizens.
- Senior citizens often reside in and/or visit facilities frequented by other senior citizens, such as nursing homes, assisted living communities and community centers.

The Solution

- Reduce the risk of vehicle-associated accidents by allowing municipalities to establish Senior Citizen Safety Zones with reduced speed limits and accompanying warning signs in areas frequented by senior citizens.
- Modeled after School Zone and roadway Work Zone concepts, intended to protect our most vulnerable pedestrians and citizens from speeding vehicles.

The Bill

- Gives municipalities the power to create Senior Citizen Safety Zones where they deem appropriate.
- Provides guidelines comparable to School Zones for municipalities to follow.
- Limits establishment of Zones to local roadways (no highways or numbered routes).

By supporting the establishment of senior citizen safety zones, you are ensuring that senior citizens in high-risk areas are considerably safer from the dangers of reckless drivers than they otherwise would be. The act requires minimum expenditures: it simply provides municipalities with the option of enacting senior citizen safety zones as they see fit.