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Representative Allen supports Increase in Speed Limit

Madison – Rep. Allen (R – Waukesha) voted in favor of the proposal to raise the speed limit to 70 miles per hour on designated highways.

“I’m hopeful that we can join so many of our Midwestern neighbors with a 70 mph speed limit on Wisconsin highways,” said Rep. Allen.

Assembly Bill 27 would return Wisconsin to its traditional speed limit of 70 mph on rural highways. That ended in 1973 when the federal government forced states to lower the speed limit due to fuel shortages nationwide. After the federal regulations were lifted in 1995, states were free to alter their speed regulations. Wisconsin is now the only state in the Midwest with a speed limit of 65 mph.

Several states including Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, and Utah have found a decline in traffic fatalities after their states increased the speed limit. Traffic safety experts indicate that increased speed limits reduced the number of accidents by decreasing drivers’ variance in speed.

This legislation now moves to the state Senate.

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