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HOUSE BILL 591

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL; CLARIFYING SCHOOL ZONE POSTING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 66-7-301 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 405, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-7-301. SPEED REGULATION.--

A. No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway or street at a speed greater than:

(1) fifteen miles per hour [~~on all highways~~]
when passing a school while children are going to or leaving school and when the school zone is properly posted;

(2) thirty miles per hour in a business or residence district;

(3) seventy-five miles per hour; and

(4) the posted speed limit in construction

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1 zones posted as double fine zones or other safety zones posted
2 as double fine zones as designated by the [~~highway and~~
3 ~~transportation~~] department of transportation; provided that the
4 posted speed limit shall be determined by an engineering study
5 performed by the [~~state highway and transportation~~] department
6 of transportation.

7 B. The department of transportation shall:

8 (1) designate sections of every highway or
9 street that is adjacent to schools as school zones;

10 (2) post signs to identify the beginning and
11 end of each school zone; and

12 (3) post signs, with or without flashing
13 lights, to alert drivers to the school zone speed limit.

14 [~~B-~~] C. In every event, speed shall be so
15 controlled by the driver as may be necessary:

16 (1) to avoid colliding with a person, vehicle
17 or other conveyance on or entering the highway;

18 (2) to comply with legal requirements as may
19 be established by the [~~state highway and transportation~~]
20 department of transportation or the New Mexico state police
21 division of the department of public safety and the duty of all
22 persons to use due care; and

23 (3) to protect workers in construction zones
24 posted as double fine zones or other safety zones posted as
25 double fine zones as designated by the [~~highway and~~

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~~transportation~~] department of transportation.

~~[G.]~~ D. The speed limits set forth in Subsection A
of this section may be altered as authorized in Section
66-7-303 NMSA 1978."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
provisions of this act is July 1, 2014.