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3 HOUSE BILL 2559

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
8 2011, Section 11-801, as amended by Section 1,
9 Chapter 294, O.S.L. 2015 (47 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section
10 11-801), which relates to maximum and minimum speed
11 limits; modifying maximum speed limit for certain
12 road types; modifying definition; and providing an
13 effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-801, as
16 amended by Section 1, Chapter 294, O.S.L. 2015 (47 O.S. Supp. 2015,
17 Section 11-801), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 11-801. A. Any person driving a vehicle on a highway
19 shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than
20 nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the
21 traffic, surface and width of the highway and any other conditions
22 then existing. No person shall drive any vehicle upon a highway at
23 a speed greater than will permit the driver to bring it to a stop
24 within the assured clear distance ahead.

1 B. Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower
2 speed for compliance with subsection A of this section, the limits
3 specified by law or established as hereinafter authorized shall be
4 maximum lawful speeds, and no person shall drive a vehicle on a
5 highway at a speed in excess of the following maximum limits:

6 1. Seventy-five (75) miles per hour in locations comprising:

7 a. the turnpike system, ~~and~~

8 b. ~~rural segments of the interstate highway system, as~~

9 ~~may be designated by the Transportation Commission.~~

10 ~~Provided, however, the Commission shall determine~~

11 ~~prior to the designation of such segments that the~~

12 ~~public safety will not be jeopardized;~~

13 ~~2. Seventy (70) miles per hour in locations which are:~~

14 ~~a.~~ four-lane divided highways including, but not limited

15 to, the interstate highway system, and

16 ~~b.~~ c. super two-lane highways. As used in this section, a

17 super two-lane highway shall mean any two-lane highway

18 with designated passing lanes, safety restraints, and

19 ~~consisting of~~ paved shoulders not less than eight (8)

20 feet in width;

21 ~~3.~~ 2. Sixty-five (65) miles per hour in other locations;

22 ~~4.~~ 3. For a school bus, fifty-five (55) miles per hour on paved

23 two-lane highways except on multilane divided highways, turnpikes,

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1 and interstate highways where the maximum shall be sixty-five (65)
2 miles per hour;

3 ~~5.~~ 4. On any highway outside of a municipality in a properly
4 marked school zone, twenty-five (25) miles per hour, provided the
5 zone is marked with appropriate warning signs placed in accordance
6 with the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control
7 Devices. The Department of Transportation may determine on the
8 basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that a speed limit
9 higher than twenty-five (25) miles per hour may be reasonable and
10 safe under conditions as they exist upon a highway, and post an
11 alternative school zone speed limit. The Department shall mark such
12 school zones, or entrances and exits onto highways by buses or
13 students, so that the maximum speed provided by this section shall
14 be established therein. Exits and entrances to controlled-access
15 highways which are within such school zones shall be marked in the
16 same manner as other highways. The county commissioners shall mark
17 such school zones along the county roads so that the maximum speed
18 provided by this section shall be established therein. The signs
19 may be either permanent or temporary. The Department shall give
20 priority over all other signing projects to the foregoing duty to
21 mark school zones. The Department shall also provide other safety
22 devices for school zones which are needed in the opinion of the
23 Department;

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1 ~~6.~~ 5. Twenty-five (25) miles per hour or a posted alternative
2 school zone speed limit through state schools located on the state-
3 owned land adjoining or outside the limits of a corporate city or
4 town where a state educational institution is established;

5 ~~7.~~ 6. Thirty-five (35) miles per hour on a highway in any state
6 park or wildlife refuge. Provided, however, that the provisions of
7 this paragraph shall not include the State Capitol park area, and no
8 person shall drive any vehicle at a rate of speed in excess of
9 fifty-five (55) miles per hour on any state or federal designated
10 highway within such areas; and

11 ~~8.~~ 7. For any vehicle or combination of vehicles with solid
12 rubber or metal tires, ten (10) miles per hour.

13 The maximum speed limits set forth in this section may be
14 altered as authorized in Sections 11-802 and 11-803 of this title.

15 C. The Commission is hereby authorized to prescribe maximum and
16 minimum speeds for all vehicles and any combinations of vehicles
17 using controlled-access highways. Such regulations shall become
18 effective after signs have been posted on these highways giving
19 notice thereof. Such regulations may apply to an ~~entirely~~ entire
20 controlled-access highway or to selected sections thereof as may be
21 designated by the Commission. It shall be a violation of this
22 section to drive any vehicle at a faster rate of speed than such
23 prescribed maximum or at a slower rate of speed than such prescribed
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1 minimum. However, all vehicles shall at all times conform to the
2 limits set forth in subsection A of this section.

3 Copies of such regulations certified as in effect on any
4 particular date by the Secretary of the Commission shall be accepted
5 as evidence in any court in this state. Whenever changes have been
6 made in speed zones, copies of such regulations shall be filed with
7 the Commissioner of Public Safety.

8 D. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is hereby authorized to
9 prescribe maximum and minimum speeds for trucks, buses and
10 automobiles using turnpikes. The regulation pertaining to
11 automobiles shall apply to all vehicles not commonly classified as
12 either trucks or buses. Such regulations shall become effective
13 only after approval by the Commissioner of Public Safety, and after
14 signs have been posted on the turnpike giving notice thereof. Such
15 regulations may apply to an entire turnpike project or to selected
16 sections thereof as may be designated by the Oklahoma Turnpike
17 Authority. It shall be a violation of this section to drive a
18 vehicle at a faster rate of speed than such prescribed maximum speed
19 or at a slower rate of speed than such prescribed minimum speed.
20 However, all vehicles shall at all times conform to the requirements
21 of subsection A of this section.

22 Copies of such regulations, certified as in effect on any
23 particular date by the Secretary of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority,
24 shall be accepted in evidence in any court in this state.

1 E. The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the
2 requirements of subsection A of this section, drive at an
3 appropriate reduced speed when approaching and crossing an
4 intersection or railway grade crossing, when approaching and going
5 around a curve, when approaching a hillcrest, when driving upon any
6 narrow or winding roadway, and when special hazard exists with
7 respect to pedestrians or other traffic, or by reason of weather or
8 highway conditions. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation and
9 the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority may post, by changeable message sign
10 or other appropriate sign, a temporary reduced speed limit for
11 maintenance operations or when special hazards with respect to
12 pedestrians, other traffic, an accident, by reason of weather or
13 when other hazardous highway conditions exist.

14 F. 1. No person shall drive a vehicle on a county road at a
15 speed in excess of fifty-five (55) miles per hour unless posted
16 otherwise by the board of county commissioners, as provided in
17 subparagraphs a through c of this paragraph, as follows:

18 a. the board of county commissioners may determine, by
19 resolution, a maximum speed limit which shall apply to
20 all county roads which are not otherwise posted for
21 speed,

22 b. the board of county commissioners shall provide public
23 notice of the speed limit on all nonposted roads by
24 publication in a newspaper of general circulation in

1 the county. The notice shall be published once weekly
2 for a period of four (4) continuous weeks, and
3 c. the board of county commissioners shall forward the
4 resolution to the Director of the Department and to
5 the Commissioner of Public Safety.

6 2. The Department shall post speed limit information, as
7 determined pursuant to the provisions of subparagraphs a through c
8 of paragraph 1 of this subsection, on the county line marker where
9 any state highway enters a county and at all off-ramps where
10 interstate highways or turnpikes enter a county. The signs shall
11 read as follows:

12 ENTERING _____ COUNTY
13 COUNTY ROAD SPEED LIMIT
14 _____ MPH
15 UNLESS POSTED OTHERWISE

16 The appropriate board of county commissioners shall reimburse
17 the Department the full cost of the signage required herein.

18 G. Any person convicted of a speeding violation pursuant to
19 subsection B or F of this section shall be punished by a fine as
20 follows:

- 21 1. One to ten miles per hour over the limit..... \$10.00
- 22 2. Eleven to fifteen miles per hour over the
23 limit..... \$20.00

- 1 3. Sixteen to twenty miles per hour over the
- 2 limit..... \$35.00
- 3 4. Twenty-one to twenty-five miles per hour over
- 4 the limit..... \$75.00
- 5 5. Twenty-six to thirty miles per hour over the
- 6 limit..... \$135.00
- 7 6. Thirty-one to thirty-five miles per hour over
- 8 the limit..... \$155.00
- 9 7. Thirty-six miles per hour or more over the
- 10 limit..... \$205.00

11 or by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days; for a second
12 conviction within one (1) year after the first conviction, by
13 imprisonment for not more than twenty (20) days; and upon a third or
14 subsequent conviction within one (1) year after the first
15 conviction, by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or by
16 both such fine and imprisonment.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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