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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1071

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8 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.  
9 2011, Section 11-801, as last amended by Section 1,  
10 Chapter 237, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section  
11 11-801), which relates to speed restrictions;  
12 increasing certain highway speed limits; and  
13 providing an 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 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 237, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp.  
17 2018, 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. On a highway or part of a highway, unless otherwise  
7 established in law, a speed established by the Department of  
8 Transportation on the basis of engineering and traffic  
9 investigations used to determine the speed that is reasonable and  
10 safe under the conditions found to exist on the highway or part of  
11 the highway;

12 2. For a school bus, fifty-five (55) miles per hour on paved  
13 two-lane roads except on the state highway system, the interstate  
14 highway system and the turnpike system where the maximum shall be  
15 sixty-five (65) miles per hour;

16 3. On any highway outside of a municipality in a properly  
17 marked school zone, twenty-five (25) miles per hour, provided the  
18 zone is marked with appropriate warning signs placed in accordance  
19 with the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control  
20 Devices. The Department of Transportation may determine on the  
21 basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that a speed limit  
22 higher than twenty-five (25) miles per hour may be reasonable and  
23 safe under conditions as they exist upon a highway, and post an  
24 alternative school zone speed limit. The Department shall mark such

1 school zones, or entrances and exits onto highways by buses or  
2 students, so that the maximum speed provided by this section shall  
3 be established therein. Exits and entrances to controlled-access  
4 highways which are within such school zones shall be marked in the  
5 same manner as other highways. The county commissioners shall mark  
6 such school zones along the county roads so that the maximum speed  
7 provided by this section shall be established therein. The signs  
8 may be either permanent or temporary. The Department shall give  
9 priority over all other signing projects to the foregoing duty to  
10 mark school zones. The Department shall also provide other safety  
11 devices for school zones which are needed in the opinion of the  
12 Department;

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

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

23 6. For any vehicle or combination of vehicles with solid rubber  
24 or metal tires, ten (10) miles per hour.

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

3 C. The Commission is hereby authorized to prescribe maximum and  
4 minimum speeds for all vehicles and any combinations of vehicles  
5 using controlled-access highways. Such regulations shall become  
6 effective after signs have been posted on these highways giving  
7 notice thereof. Such regulations may apply to an entirely  
8 controlled-access highway or to selected sections thereof as may be  
9 designated by the Commission. A speed limit of seventy-five (75)  
10 miles per hour shall be set in locations comprising rural segments  
11 of the interstate highway system, in such areas designated by the  
12 Commission. It shall be a violation of this section to drive any  
13 vehicle at a faster rate of speed than such prescribed maximum or at  
14 a slower rate of speed than such prescribed minimum. However, all  
15 vehicles shall at all times conform to the limits set forth in  
16 subsection A of this section.

17 Copies of such regulations certified as in effect on any  
18 particular date by the Secretary of the Commission shall be accepted  
19 as evidence in any court in this state. Whenever changes have been  
20 made in speed zones, copies of such regulations shall be filed with  
21 the Commissioner of Public Safety.

22 D. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is hereby authorized to  
23 prescribe maximum and minimum speeds for trucks, buses and  
24 automobiles using turnpikes; provided, however, a speed limit of

1 eighty (80) miles per hour may be set in locations comprising the  
2 turnpike system, as may be approved by the Authority. The  
3 regulation pertaining to automobiles shall apply to all vehicles not  
4 commonly classified as either trucks or buses. Such regulations  
5 shall become effective only after approval by the Commissioner of  
6 Public Safety, and after signs have been posted on the turnpike  
7 giving notice thereof. Such regulations may apply to an entire  
8 turnpike project or to selected sections thereof as may be  
9 designated by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority. It shall be a  
10 violation of this section to drive a vehicle at a faster rate of  
11 speed than such prescribed maximum speed or at a slower rate of  
12 speed than such prescribed minimum speed. However, all vehicles  
13 shall at all times conform to the requirements of subsection A of  
14 this section.

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

18 E. The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the  
19 requirements of subsection A of this section, drive at an  
20 appropriate reduced speed when approaching and crossing an  
21 intersection or railway grade crossing, when approaching and going  
22 around a curve, when approaching a hillcrest, when driving upon any  
23 narrow or winding roadway, and when special hazard exists with  
24 respect to pedestrians or other traffic, or by reason of weather or

1 highway conditions. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation and  
2 the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority may post, by changeable message sign  
3 or other appropriate sign, a temporary reduced speed limit for  
4 maintenance operations or when special hazards with respect to  
5 pedestrians, other traffic, an accident, by reason of weather or  
6 when other hazardous highway conditions exist.

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

11 a. the board of county commissioners may determine, by  
12 resolution, a maximum speed limit which shall apply to  
13 all county roads which are not otherwise posted for  
14 speed,

15 b. the board of county commissioners shall provide public  
16 notice of the speed limit on all nonposted roads by  
17 publication in a newspaper of general circulation in  
18 the county. The notice shall be published once weekly  
19 for a period of four (4) continuous weeks, and

20 c. the board of county commissioners shall forward the  
21 resolution to the Director of the Department and to  
22 the Commissioner of Public Safety.

23 2. The Department shall post speed limit information, as  
24 determined pursuant to the provisions of subparagraphs a through c

1 of paragraph 1 of this subsection, on the county line marker where  
2 any state highway enters a county and at all off-ramps where  
3 interstate highways or turnpikes enter a county. The signs shall  
4 read as follows:

5 ENTERING \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY  
6 COUNTY ROAD SPEED LIMIT  
7 \_\_\_\_\_ MPH  
8 UNLESS POSTED OTHERWISE

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

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

- 14 1. a. For an offense occurring on or after the effective  
15 date of this act and prior to November 1, 2022, one to  
16 ten miles per hour over the speed limit as provided  
17 for in Section ~~2~~ 11-801e of this ~~act~~ title, and  
18 b. For an offense occurring on or after  
19 November 1, 2022, one to ten miles per  
20 hour over the limit.....\$10.00  
21 2. Eleven to fifteen miles per hour over the  
22 limit.....\$20.00  
23 3. Sixteen to twenty miles per hour over the  
24 limit.....\$35.00

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

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

15       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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