

By: Gallego

H.B. No. 2257

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the speed limit on certain highways in rural counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 545.353, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h-1) and amending Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(h-1) Notwithstanding Section 545.352(b), the commission may establish a speed limit of 80 miles per hour in daytime on a part of Interstate Highway 10 or Interstate Highway 20 in Crockett, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Kimble, Pecos, Reeves, Sutton, or Ward County if the commission determines that 80 miles per hour in daytime is a reasonable and safe speed for that part of the highway.

(i) The speed limits [~~limit~~] authorized by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (h) and (h-1) do [~~does~~] not apply to:

(1) trucks, other than light trucks and light trucks pulling a trailer; and

(2) truck tractors, trailers, and semitrailers.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.