

1-1 By: Gallego (Senate Sponsor - Madla) H.B. No. 2257  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2005;  
1-3 May 3, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 19, 2005, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 19, 2005, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the speed limit on certain highways in rural counties.  
1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-11 SECTION 1. Section 545.353, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-12 by adding Subsection (h-1) and amending Subsection (i) to read as  
1-13 follows:

1-14 (h-1) Notwithstanding Section 545.352(b), the commission  
1-15 may establish a speed limit of 80 miles per hour in daytime on a part  
1-16 of Interstate Highway 10 or Interstate Highway 20 in Crockett,  
1-17 Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Kimble, Pecos, Reeves,  
1-18 Sutton, or Ward County if the commission determines that 80 miles  
1-19 per hour in daytime is a reasonable and safe speed for that part of  
1-20 the highway.

1-21 (i) The speed limits [~~limit~~] authorized by Subsections  
1-22 [~~Subsection~~] (h) and (h-1) do [~~does~~] not apply to:

1-23 (1) trucks, other than light trucks and light trucks  
1-24 pulling a trailer; and

1-25 (2) truck tractors, trailers, and semitrailers.

1-26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-28 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-29 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-30 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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