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H.B. No. 1287

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the prima facie speed limit on certain streets and
3 highways.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 545.352(b), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) Unless a special hazard exists that requires a slower
8 speed for compliance with Section 545.351(b), the following speeds
9 are lawful:

10 (1) 25 [~~30~~] miles per hour in an urban district on a
11 street other than an alley and 15 miles per hour in an alley;

12 (2) except as provided by Subdivision (4), 70 miles
13 per hour on a highway numbered by this state or the United States
14 outside an urban district, including a farm-to-market or
15 ranch-to-market road;

16 (3) except as provided by Subdivision (4), 60 miles
17 per hour on a highway that is outside an urban district and not a
18 highway numbered by this state or the United States;

19 (4) outside an urban district:

20 (A) 60 miles per hour if the vehicle is a school
21 bus that has passed a commercial motor vehicle inspection under
22 Section 548.201 and is on a highway numbered by the United States or
23 this state, including a farm-to-market road; or

24 (B) 50 miles per hour if the vehicle is a school

1 bus that:

2 (i) has not passed a commercial motor
3 vehicle inspection under Section 548.201; or

4 (ii) is traveling on a highway not numbered
5 by the United States or this state;

6 (5) on a beach, 15 miles per hour; or

7 (6) on a county road adjacent to a public beach, 15
8 miles per hour, if declared by the commissioners court of the
9 county.

10 SECTION 2. Sections 545.356(b-1) and (d), Transportation
11 Code, are amended to read as follows:

12 (b-1) Except as provided by Subsection (b-3), the governing
13 body of a municipality, for a highway or a part of a highway in the
14 municipality that is not an officially designated or marked highway
15 or road of the state highway system, may declare a lower speed limit
16 of not less than 20 [~~25~~] miles per hour, if the governing body
17 determines that the prima facie speed limit on the highway is
18 unreasonable or unsafe.

19 (d) The governing body of a municipality that declares a
20 lower speed limit on a highway or part of a highway under Subsection
21 (b-1) or (b-3), not later than February 1 of each year, shall
22 publish on its Internet website and submit to the department a
23 report that compares for each of the two previous calendar years:

24 (1) the number of traffic citations issued by peace
25 officers of the municipality and the alleged speed of the vehicles,
26 for speed limit violations on the highway or part of the highway;

27 [~~(2) the number of warning citations issued by peace~~

1 ~~officers of the municipality on the highway or part of the highway,~~

2 and

3 (2) [~~(3)~~] the number of vehicular accidents that
4 resulted in injury or death and were attributable to speed limit
5 violations on the highway or part of the highway.

6 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section
7 [545.352\(b\)](#), Transportation Code, applies only to an offense for a
8 violation of that section committed on or after the effective date
9 of this Act. An offense for a violation of that section committed
10 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
11 effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is
12 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section,
13 an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if
14 any element of the offense occurred before that date.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.