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H.B. No. 1354

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prima facie speed limit in certain urban districts.

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

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

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

(1) except as provided by Subdivision (7), 30 miles per hour in an urban district on a street other than an alley and 15 miles per hour in an alley;

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

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

(4) outside an urban district:

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

(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; or

10 (7) in a municipality with a population greater than
11 1.3 million whose population makes up more than 75 percent of the
12 population of the county in which the municipality is primarily
13 located, 25 miles per hour in an urban district on a street other
14 than an alley and 15 miles per hour in an alley.

15 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
16 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
17 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
18 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
19 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
20 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
21 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
22 before that date.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.