

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-801, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 11-801), which relates to speed limitations; adding certain highways to certain speed limitation restrictions; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-801, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 11-801), is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-801. A. Any person driving a vehicle on a highway shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the highway and any other conditions then existing. No person shall drive any vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than will permit the driver to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

B. Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with subsection A of this section, the limits

1 specified by law or established as hereinafter authorized shall be
2 maximum lawful speeds, and no person shall drive a vehicle on a
3 highway at a speed in excess of the following maximum limits:

4 1. On a highway or part of a highway, unless otherwise
5 established in law, a speed established by the Department of
6 Transportation on the basis of engineering and traffic
7 investigations used to determine the speed that is reasonable and
8 safe under the conditions found to exist on the highway or part of
9 the highway;

10 2. Eighty-five (85) miles per hour on the Turner Turnpike;

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

15 ~~3.~~ 4. On any highway outside of a municipality in a properly
16 marked school zone, twenty-five (25) miles per hour, provided the
17 zone is marked with appropriate warning signs placed in accordance
18 with the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control
19 Devices. The Department of Transportation may determine on the
20 basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that a speed limit
21 higher than twenty-five (25) miles per hour may be reasonable and
22 safe under conditions as they exist upon a highway, and post an
23 alternative school zone speed limit. The Department shall mark such
24 school zones, or entrances and exits onto highways by buses or

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

12 ~~4.~~ 5. Twenty-five (25) miles per hour or a posted alternative
13 school zone speed limit through state schools located on the state-
14 owned land adjoining or outside the limits of a corporate city or
15 town where a state educational institution is established;

16 ~~5.~~ 6. Thirty-five (35) miles per hour on a highway in any state
17 park or wildlife refuge. Provided, however, that the provisions of
18 this paragraph shall not include the State Capitol park area, and no
19 person shall drive any vehicle at a rate of speed in excess of
20 fifty-five (55) miles per hour on any state or federal designated
21 highway within such areas; and

22 ~~6.~~ 7. For any vehicle or combination of vehicles with solid
23 rubber or metal tires, ten (10) miles per hour.
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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. It shall be a violation of this
10 section to drive any vehicle at a faster rate of speed than such
11 prescribed maximum or at a slower rate of speed than such prescribed
12 minimum. However, all vehicles shall at all times conform to the
13 limits set forth in subsection A of this section.

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

19 D. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is hereby authorized to
20 prescribe maximum and minimum speeds for trucks, buses and
21 automobiles using turnpikes. The regulation pertaining to
22 automobiles shall apply to all vehicles not commonly classified as
23 either trucks or buses. Such regulations shall become effective
24 only after approval by the Commissioner of Public Safety, and after

1 signs have been posted on the turnpike giving notice thereof. Such
2 regulations may apply to an entire turnpike project or to selected
3 sections thereof as may be designated by the Oklahoma Turnpike
4 Authority. It shall be a violation of this section to drive a
5 vehicle at a faster rate of speed than such prescribed maximum speed
6 or at a slower rate of speed than such prescribed minimum speed.
7 However, all vehicles shall at all times conform to the requirements
8 of subsection A of this section.

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

12 E. The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the
13 requirements of subsection A of this section, drive at an
14 appropriate reduced speed when approaching and crossing an
15 intersection or railway grade crossing, when approaching and going
16 around a curve, when approaching a hillcrest, when driving upon any
17 narrow or winding roadway, and when special hazard exists with
18 respect to pedestrians or other traffic, or by reason of weather or
19 highway conditions. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation and
20 the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority may post, by changeable message sign
21 or other appropriate sign, a temporary reduced speed limit for
22 maintenance operations or when special hazards with respect to
23 pedestrians, other traffic, an accident, by reason of weather or
24 when other hazardous highway conditions exist.

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

5 a. the board of county commissioners may determine, by
6 resolution, a maximum speed limit which shall apply to
7 all county roads which are not otherwise posted for
8 speed,

9 b. the board of county commissioners shall provide public
10 notice of the speed limit on all nonposted roads by
11 publication in a newspaper of general circulation in
12 the county. The notice shall be published once weekly
13 for a period of four (4) continuous weeks, and

14 c. the board of county commissioners shall forward the
15 resolution to the Director of the Department and to
16 the Commissioner of Public Safety.

17 2. The Department shall post speed limit information, as
18 determined pursuant to the provisions of subparagraphs a through c
19 of paragraph 1 of this subsection, on the county line marker where
20 any state highway enters a county and at all off-ramps where
21 interstate highways or turnpikes enter a county. The signs shall
22 read as follows:

23 ENTERING _____ COUNTY

24 COUNTY ROAD SPEED LIMIT

_____ MPH

UNLESS POSTED OTHERWISE

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

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

1. One to ten miles per hour over the limit..... \$10.00
2. Eleven to fifteen miles per hour over the
limit..... \$20.00
3. Sixteen to twenty miles per hour over the
limit..... \$35.00
4. Twenty-one to twenty-five miles per hour over
the limit..... \$75.00
5. Twenty-six to thirty miles per hour over the
limit..... \$135.00
6. Thirty-one to thirty-five miles per hour over
the limit..... \$155.00
7. Thirty-six miles per hour or more over the
limit..... \$205.00

or by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days; for a second conviction within one (1) year after the first conviction, by imprisonment for not more than twenty (20) days; and upon a third or subsequent conviction within one (1) year after the first

conviction, by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or by
both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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