

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1342

5 By: Representative Sullivan  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SPEED LIMIT ON ARKANSAS  
10 HIGHWAYS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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12 **Subtitle**

13 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SPEED LIMIT ON  
14 ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-51-204 is amended to read as follows:  
20 27-51-204. Maximum and minimum speed limits - Exceptions.

21 (a)(1) ~~The~~ Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of this section,  
22 the State Highway Commission shall determine, based upon studies of the  
23 engineering and traffic characteristics thereof, the maximum and minimum  
24 desirable speeds for all traffic facilities in the state highway system.

25 (2)(A) The minimum desirable speed on a highway shall be at  
26 least sixty-five miles per hour (65 mph).

27 (B) The minimum desirable speed under subdivision  
28 (a)(2)(A) of this section shall not apply to a portion of highway:

29 (i) Within a municipality or township;

30 (ii) Within an area designated as a school  
31 zone; or

32 (iii) Deemed by order of the State Highway  
33 Commission to require a reduced desirable speed:

34 (a) Due to highway characteristics or  
35 conditions that require a driver to exercise extra caution; or

36 (b) For the safety of persons upon or using



1 the highway.

2 ~~(2)~~(3) These regulatory speeds shall be effective when  
3 appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected.

4 (b)(1) The maximum and minimum speed limits posted shall apply to all  
5 vehicles using the facility except authorized emergency vehicles on emergency  
6 trips, such as police vehicles on duty, fire vehicles on calls, and  
7 ambulances; oversize/overweight vehicles moving under special permit issued  
8 by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department or its lawfully  
9 delegated agents; and other specific vehicles for which special limits may be  
10 posted in particular situations or under particular conditions.

11 (2) This exemption shall not relieve any driver of an authorized  
12 emergency vehicle from his or her lawful responsibility to drive with due  
13 regard for the safety of all persons upon or using the highway facility, nor  
14 shall it protect the operator of any such vehicle from the consequence of a  
15 reckless disregard for the safety of others.

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