

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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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO STUDY RAISING THE SPEED LIMITS ON
10 THE ARKANSAS PRIMARY HIGHWAY NETWORK; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 TO STUDY RAISING THE SPEED LIMITS ON THE
13 ARKANSAS PRIMARY HIGHWAY NETWORK.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 51, Subchapter 2 is amended
21 to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 27-51-215. Arkansas Primary Highway Network study.

23 (a) The State Highway Commission shall conduct a study of the Arkansas
24 Primary Highway Network to determine whether the minimum speed limits and
25 maximum speed limits of the network can be raised in any locations on the
26 network based on the engineering analysis, traffic analysis, and other
27 analysis of characteristics of each location.

28 (b)(1) The study shall include an impact analysis of raising the
29 minimum speed limit and maximum speed limit in regard to:

30 (A) Pleasure vehicles licensed under § 27-14-601 or
31 similarly licensed vehicles from other states;

32 (B) Trucks with a gross loaded weight of twenty thousand
33 pounds (20,000 lbs.) or less; and

34 (C) Trucks with a gross loaded weight of more than twenty
35 thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.).

36 (2) The impact analysis shall take into consideration the costs



1 and benefits to the citizens of this state, the costs and benefits to the
2 trucking industry, the costs and benefits to the insurance industry, and an
3 explanation of any other costs and benefits that can be ascertained based on
4 the available data.

5 (c) The study shall also include:

6 (1) Findings related to the minimum speed limit and maximum
7 speed limit on two-lane highways and four-lane highways in the Arkansas
8 Primary Highway Network; and

9 (2) Recommendations as to which, if any, vehicles should be
10 exempt from any proposed speed limit changes.

11 (d) Upon completion of the study, the commission shall increase the
12 speed limit on any two-lane highway or four-lane highway to sixty-five (65)
13 miles per hour if the findings of the study support the increase on a
14 particular two-lane highway or four-lane highway.

15 (e) The commission shall prepare its findings and recommendations in a
16 written report and present the report to the Legislative Council on or before
17 September 15, 2008.

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19 /s/ Sullivan
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