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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1631

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MAXIMUM SPEED  
9 LIMITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

11 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MAXIMUM SPEED  
12 LIMITS.  
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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 § 27-51-201(b) and (c), concerning speed  
20 limits, are amended to read as follows:

21 (b)(1) ~~Upon an engineering and traffic investigation, the State~~  
22 ~~Highway Commission may increase the speed limit of a controlled-access~~  
23 ~~highway to~~ The maximum speed limit for a motor vehicle operated on a  
24 controlled-access highway is seventy-five miles per hour (75 m.p.h) if the  
25 controlled-access highway:

26 (A) Is located outside an urban area; and

27 (B) Has at least four (4) lanes that are divided by a  
28 median strip.

29 (2) The Arkansas Department of Transportation shall erect the  
30 appropriate signs giving notice of the maximum speed limit provided in  
31 subdivision (b)(1) of this section along the controlled-access highway  
32 ~~maximum permissible speeds on controlled-access highways shall be effective~~  
33 ~~when appropriate signs giving notice are erected along the highway by the~~  
34 ~~Arkansas Department of Transportation.~~

35 (3) Upon an engineering and traffic investigation, the State  
36 Highway Commission may decrease the maximum speed limit on a controlled-



1 access highway from the speed limit provided by subdivision (b)(1) of this  
 2 section.

3 (c) On all facilities other than controlled-access highways under  
 4 subdivision (b)(1) of this section, except when a special hazard exists that  
 5 requires lower speed for compliance with subsection (a) of this section, the  
 6 limits specified in this section or established as authorized shall be  
 7 maximum lawful speeds, and a person shall not drive a vehicle on a highway at  
 8 a speed in excess of:

9 (1) Thirty miles per hour (30 m.p.h.) in any urban district;

10 (2) Fifty miles per hour (50 m.p.h.) for trucks of one-and-one-  
 11 half-ton capacity or more in other locations;

12 (3) Sixty-five miles per hour (65 m.p.h.) on a controlled-access  
 13 highway in an urban area ~~for other motor vehicles in other locations~~; and

14 (4) A motor vehicle which is over width, over length, or over  
 15 height or the gross load of which is in excess of sixty-four thousand pounds  
 16 (64,000 lbs), excluding the front axle, even if operated under a special  
 17 permit, shall not be operated in excess of thirty miles per hour (30 m.p.h.).  
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19 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall be effective on and after  
 20 July 1, 2020.

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