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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1631

5 By: Representative Vaught
6 By: Senators B. Davis, Flippo, T. Garner
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MAXIMUM SPEED
15 LIMITS.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-51-201(b) and (c), concerning speed
21 limits, are amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

36 (3) Upon an engineering and traffic investigation, the State



1 Highway Commission may decrease the maximum speed limit on a controlled-
2 access highway from the speed limit provided by subdivision (b)(1) of this
3 section.

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

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

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

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

15 (4) A motor vehicle which is over width, over length, or over
16 height or the gross load of which is in excess of sixty-four thousand pounds
17 (64,000 lbs), excluding the front axle, even if operated under a special
18 permit, shall not be operated in excess of thirty miles per hour (30 m.p.h.).

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20 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall be effective on and after
21 July 1, 2020.

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