



Highway Factors Attachment – Texas House Bill 299

Andrews, TX

HWY22MH006

(4 pages)

AN ACT

relating to speed limits on state highways.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 545.353, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and by adding

Subsections (h) and (i) to read as follows:

(d) Except as provided by Subsection (h), the [The] commission may not:

- (1) modify the rules established by Section 545.351(b);
- (2) establish a speed limit of more than 70 miles per hour; or
- (3) increase the speed limit for a vehicle described by Section 545.352(b)(5).

(h) Notwithstanding Section 545.352(b), the commission may establish a speed limit of 75 miles per hour

in daytime on a part of the highway system if:

- (1) the commission determines that 75 miles per hour in daytime is a reasonable and safe speed for that part of the highway system; and
- (2) that part of the highway is located in a county with a population density of less than 10 persons per square mile.

(i) The speed limit authorized by Subsection (h) does not apply to:

- (1) trucks, other than light trucks and light trucks pulling a trailer; and
- (2) truck tractors, trailers, and semitrailers.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2001.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 299 was passed by the House on May 11, 2001, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 299 on May 24, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 299 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 18, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor