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SENATE BILL NO. 408

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation
on February 5, 2004)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Ruff)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-870 of the Code of Virginia, relating to maximum speed limits generally.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-870 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-870. Maximum speed limits generally.

Except as otherwise provided in this article, the maximum speed limit shall be 55 miles per hour on interstate highways or other limited access highways with divided roadways, nonlimited access highways having four or more lanes, and all state primary highways.

The maximum speed limit on all other highways shall be 55 miles per hour if the vehicle is a passenger motor vehicle, bus, pickup or panel truck, or a motorcycle, but 45 miles per hour on such highways if the vehicle is a truck, tractor truck, or combination of vehicles designed to transport property, or is a motor vehicle being used to tow a vehicle designed for self-propulsion, or a house trailer.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the maximum speed limit shall be 65 miles per hour where indicated by lawfully placed signs, erected subsequent to a traffic engineering study, on: (i) interstate highways, (ii) *multi-lane, divided, limited access* highways ~~constructed pursuant to the Virginia Highway Corporation Act of 1988 (§ 56-535 et seq.),~~ (iii) Virginia Route 288, (iv) ~~the limited access portion of Virginia Route 37,~~ (v) ~~highways constructed pursuant to the Public Private Transportation Act of 1995 (§ 56-556 et seq.),~~ and (vi) (iii) high-occupancy vehicle lanes if such lanes are physically separated from regular travel lanes. *The maximum speed limit shall be 60 miles per hour where indicated by lawfully placed signs, erected subsequent to a traffic engineering study, on U.S. Route 360 where it is a nonlimited access, multilane, divided highway.*

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