

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-870 of the Code of Virginia, relating to maximum speed limits.*

3 [H 3024]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 46.2-870 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 46.2-870. Maximum speed limits generally.

8 Except as otherwise provided in this article, the maximum speed limit shall be 55 miles per hour on  
9 interstate highways or other limited access highways with divided roadways, nonlimited access highways  
10 having four or more lanes, and all state primary highways.11 The maximum speed limit on all other highways shall be 55 miles per hour if the vehicle is a  
12 passenger motor vehicle, bus, pickup or panel truck, or a motorcycle, but 45 miles per hour on such  
13 highways if the vehicle is a truck, tractor truck, or combination of vehicles designed to transport  
14 property, or is a motor vehicle being used to tow a vehicle designed for self-propulsion, or a house  
15 trailer.16 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the maximum speed limit shall be 65 miles  
17 per hour where indicated by lawfully placed signs, erected subsequent to a traffic engineering study, on:  
18 (i) interstate highways, (ii) multilane, divided, limited access highways, and (iii) high-occupancy vehicle  
19 lanes if such lanes are physically separated from regular travel lanes. The maximum speed limit on  
20 Interstate Route 85 shall be 70 miles per hour where indicated by lawfully placed signs, erected  
21 subsequent to a traffic engineering study. The maximum speed limit shall be 60 miles per hour where  
22 indicated by lawfully placed signs, erected subsequent to a traffic engineering study *and analysis of*  
23 *available and appropriate accident and law-enforcement data*, on U.S. Route 29, U.S. Route 58, U.S.  
24 Route 360, U.S. Route 460, and on U.S. Route 17 between the town of Port Royal and Saluda where  
25 they are nonlimited access, multilane, divided highways.26 **2. That the provisions of this act shall not be applicable to posted speed limits in effect prior to**  
27 **July 1, 2007.**

ENROLLED

HB3024ER