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HOUSE BILL NO. 1242

Offered January 22, 1996

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

Patron—Jones, J.C.

Referred to Committee on Transportation

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 ~~fifty-five 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.~~

1. *Seventy miles per hour on the Interstate System of Highways or other limited access highways with divided roadways.*

2. *Sixty miles per hour on non-limited access highways having four or more lanes.*

3. *Fifty-five miles per hour on all other state primary highways not contained in (1) or (2).*

4. The maximum speed limit on all other highways shall be fifty-five miles per hour if the vehicle is a passenger motor vehicle, bus, pickup or panel truck, or a motorcycle, but forty-five 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 limits on those rural interstate highways where both (i) permitted by federal laws and (ii) indicated by lawfully placed signs shall be ~~sixty-five miles per hour.~~

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