

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 273

Short Title: Truck Speed Limit.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hoyle.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF SIXTY-FIVE MILES
2 PER HOUR FOR COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS WITH
3 A SEVENTY-MILE-PER-HOUR SPEED LIMIT FOR OTHER MOTOR
4 VEHICLES.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-141(d) reads as rewritten:

8 "(d) (1) Whenever the Department of Transportation determines on the basis of
9 an engineering and traffic investigation that any speed allowed by
10 subsection (b) is greater than is reasonable and safe under the
11 conditions found to exist upon any part of a highway outside the
12 corporate limits of a municipality or upon any part of a highway
13 designated as part of the Interstate Highway System or any part of a
14 controlled-access highway (either inside or outside the corporate limits
15 of a municipality), the Department of Transportation shall determine
16 and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit.

17 (2) Whenever the Department of Transportation determines on the basis of
18 an engineering and traffic investigation that a higher maximum speed
19 than those set forth in subsection (b) is reasonable and safe under the
20 conditions found to exist upon any part of a highway designated as
21 part of the Interstate Highway System or any part of a
22 controlled-access highway (either inside or outside the corporate limits
23 of a municipality) the Department of Transportation shall determine
24 and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit. A speed limit set
25 pursuant to this subsection may not exceed 70 miles per hour. On any
26 highway with a motor vehicle speed limit of 70 miles per hour, the
27 speed limit for commercial motor vehicles shall not exceed 65 miles
28 per hour.

1 Speed limits set pursuant to this subsection are not effective until appropriate signs
2 giving notice thereof are erected upon the parts of the highway affected."

3 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2001, and applies to
4 offenses committed on or after that date.