

House Bill 353

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for an exception to maximum speed limits for trucks; to provide certain maximum speed limits for trucks; to provide an exception to warning sign requirements for speed detection devices for maximum speed limits for trucks; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended by striking subsection (a) of Code Section 40-6-181, relating to maximum speed limits for motor vehicles, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(a) The limits specified in this Code section or established as authorized in this article shall be the maximum lawful vehicle speeds, except when a special hazard exists that requires a lower speed for compliance with Code Section 40-6-180 and except as otherwise provided in Code Section 40-6-181.1."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by adding between Code Sections 40-6-181 and 40-6-182 a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-6-181.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'truck' means any vehicle equipped with more than six wheels.

(b) The maximum speed limit for trucks shall be ten miles per hour less than the posted speed limit on the following highways:

(1) The federal interstate system; and

(2) Physically divided highways on the state highway system.

(c) Subsection (b) of this Code section shall also apply if the maximum speed limits designated in Code Section 40-6-181 on such highways are altered as authorized in Code Sections 40-6-182, 40-6-183, and 40-6-188.

(d) The maximum speed limits under this Code section shall not be required to be designated by sign and shall be effective without such posting."

SECTION 3.

Said title if further amended by adding a new subsection (c) to Code Section 40-14-6, relating to warning sign requirements for speed detection devices, to read as follows:

"(c) With regard to maximum speed limits for trucks under Code Section 40-6-181.1, compliance with this Code section shall be deemed met if the maximum speed limit for vehicles other than trucks has been posted in accordance with this Code section."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.