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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION; CHANGING SPEED LIMITS ON
COUNTY ROADS; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 66-7-301 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 35, Section 405, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-7-301. SPEED REGULATION.--

A. No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at
a speed greater than:

(1) fifteen miles per hour on all highways
when passing a school while children are going to or leaving
school and when the school zone is properly posted;

(2) thirty miles per hour in a business or
residence district;

(3) fifty-five miles per hour on a county
road, as defined in Section 66-7-304 NMSA 1978, without a
posted speed limit;

(4) seventy-five miles per hour; and

(5) the posted speed limit in construction
zones posted as double fine zones or other safety zones
posted as double fine zones as designated by the department
of transportation; provided that the posted speed limit shall
be determined by an engineering study performed by the
department of transportation.

1 B. In every event, speed shall be so controlled by
2 the driver as may be necessary:

3 (1) to avoid colliding with a person,
4 vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highway;

5 (2) to comply with legal requirements as may
6 be established by the department of transportation or the New
7 Mexico state police division of the department of public
8 safety and the duty of all persons to use due care; and

9 (3) to protect workers in construction zones
10 posted as double fine zones or other safety zones posted as
11 double fine zones as designated by the department of
12 transportation.

13 C. The speed limits set forth in Subsection A of
14 this section may be altered as authorized in Section 66-7-303
15 NMSA 1978."

16 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
17 provisions of this act is January 1, 2016. _____

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