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SENATE BILL 209

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

INTRODUCED BY

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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

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1 road, as defined in Section 66-7-304 NMSA 1978, without a
2 posted speed limit;

3 [~~(3)~~] (4) seventy-five miles per hour; and
4 [~~(4)~~] (5) the posted speed limit in
5 construction zones posted as double fine zones or other safety
6 zones posted as double fine zones as designated by the [~~highway~~
7 ~~and transportation~~] department of transportation; provided that
8 the posted speed limit shall be determined by an engineering
9 study performed by the [~~state highway and transportation~~]
10 department of transportation.

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

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

15 (2) to comply with legal requirements as may
16 be established by the [~~state highway and transportation~~]
17 department of transportation or the New Mexico state police
18 division of the department of public safety and the duty of all
19 persons to use due care; and

20 (3) to protect workers in construction zones
21 posted as double fine zones or other safety zones posted as
22 double fine zones as designated by the [~~highway and~~
23 ~~transportation~~] department of transportation.

24 C. The speed limits set forth in Subsection A of
25 this section may be altered as authorized in Section 66-7-303

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NMSA 1978."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is January 1, 2015.

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