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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 02/03/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 226 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen George Munoz **Agency Name and Code** 790 – Department of Public Safety
Short Title: TRUCK TRACTOR MAX SPEED LIMIT **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Establishes a maximum speed limit for truck tractors of 65 mph; penalties for speeding can reach up to \$250 and other fines for minor traffic infractions; keeps existing truck tractor speed limits in school zones, business and residential districts and county roads. Truck tractors driving faster than 65 mph would face a \$250 fine.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal implications to DPS.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

No significant issues to DPS.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

A maximum speed for tractor trailers could be beneficial in reducing traffic fatalities and other hazards on the roadway.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

No administrative implications to DPS.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

No conflict, duplication, companionship or relationship to DPS.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

No technical issues to DPS.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

No substantive issues to DPS.

ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable as no impact to DPS.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo will remain.

AMENDMENTS

DPS believes this bill would be an excellent opportunity to overhaul all the penalty assessments in the traffic code. All of those penalties were reduced on July 1, 2024, when a previous bill went into effect doing away with the court costs portion of all citations. New Mexico penalty assessments were already some of the lowest in the country before the change and they now are a fraction of their previous cost. Many of the current traffic penalties are on par with fine amounts approximately 40 years ago (e.g. in 2002 a Speeding citation for 1-10 over the limit was \$59, today it is \$25). This does not provide a realistic deterrent to dangerous driving behaviors and DPS believes these amounts should be increased. DPS recommends an increase of at least \$75 per citation for regular motor vehicles and at least \$200 per citation for offenses specifically related to commercial motor vehicles. DPS does not consider these increases excessive, as they will still be less than many states in the region; however, we do believe the increased amounts will help serve as a deterrent to dangerous driving behaviors.