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SENATE BILL 301

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR A LOWER SPEED LIMIT
FOR CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES.

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 any business or
residence district;

(3) seventy-five miles per hour; provided

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1 that the maximum speed on interstate highways for motor
2 vehicles weighing twenty-six thousand pounds or more and motor
3 vehicles towing manufactured homes shall be sixty-five miles
4 per hour; and

5 (4) the posted speed limit in construction
6 zones; provided that the posted speed limit shall be
7 determined by an engineering study performed by the state
8 highway and transportation department.

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

11 (1) to avoid colliding with any person,
12 vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highway;

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

18 (3) to protect workers in a construction
19 zone.

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

23 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
24 provisions of this act is July 1, 1999.

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2 FIRST SESSION, 1999

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5 February 4, 1999

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to
10 whom has been referred
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
17 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

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Roman M. Maes, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 4 For 3 Against

Yes: 4

No: Fidel, Rawson, Maes

Excused: Aragon, Macias, Robinson

Absent: None

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Michael S. Sancez, Chairman

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11 Yes: 4

12 No: Lopez, McSorley, Sanchez

13 Excused: Aragon

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