

Senate Bill 459

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI (at the request of Dean Kaufman) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Increases interstate highway speed limit to 70 miles per hour for most vehicles.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to highway speeds; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 811.111.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 811.111 is amended to read:

811.111. (1) A person commits the offense of violating a speed limit if the person:

(a) Drives a vehicle on an interstate highway at a speed greater than [65] **70** miles per hour or, if a different speed is posted under **authority granted by** ORS 810.180 (3), at a speed greater than the posted speed.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, drives any of the following vehicles at a speed greater than [55] **60** miles per hour on [*any highway*] **an interstate highway, at a speed greater than 55 miles per hour on any highway other than an interstate highway** or, if a different speed is posted under **authority granted by** ORS 810.180 (3), at a speed greater than the posted speed:

(A) A motor truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds or a truck tractor with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 8,000 pounds.

(B) A school bus.

(C) A school activity vehicle.

(D) A worker transport bus.

(E) A bus operated for transporting children to and from church or an activity or function authorized by a church.

(F) Any vehicle used in the transportation of persons for hire by a nonprofit entity as provided in ORS 825.017 (9).

(c) Drives a vehicle or conveyance on any part of the ocean shore in this state at a speed greater than any of the following:

(A) Any designated speed for ocean shores that is established and posted under **authority granted by** ORS 810.180.

(B) If no designated speed is posted under **authority granted by** ORS 810.180, 25 miles per hour.

(d) Drives a vehicle upon a highway in any city at a speed greater than a speed posted [*by*] **under** authority granted [*under*] **by** ORS 810.180 or, if no speed is posted, the following:

(A) Fifteen miles per hour when driving on an alley or a narrow residential roadway.

(B) Twenty miles per hour in a business district.

(C) Twenty-five miles per hour in a public park.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (D) Twenty-five miles per hour on a highway in a residence district if the highway is not an
2 arterial highway.

3 (E) [*Sixty-five*] **Seventy** miles per hour on an interstate highway.

4 (F) Fifty-five miles per hour in locations not otherwise described in this paragraph.

5 (e) Drives a vehicle in a school zone at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour if the school zone
6 is:

7 (A) A segment of highway described in ORS 801.462 (1)(a) and:

8 (i) The school zone has a flashing light used as a traffic control device and operated under ORS
9 810.243 and the flashing light indicates that children may be arriving at or leaving school; or

10 (ii) If the school zone does not have a flashing light used as a traffic control device, the person
11 drives in the school zone between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a day when school is in session.

12 (B) A crosswalk described in ORS 801.462 (1)(b) and:

13 (i) A flashing light used as a traffic control device and operated under ORS 810.243 indicates
14 that children may be arriving at or leaving school; or

15 (ii) Children are present, as described in ORS 811.124.

16 (2) The offense described in this section, violating a speed limit, is punishable as provided in
17 ORS 811.109.

18 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 811.111 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to of-**
19 **fenses committed on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

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