
By: **Senator Dorman**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Trucks - Speed Limits**

3 FOR the purpose of reducing the maximum speed limit that applies to certain trucks
4 being driven on certain highways; requiring the State Highway Administration
5 to post signs at certain locations indicating the speed limit applicable to trucks;
6 and generally relating to the maximum speed limit applicable to trucks.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 11-171
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 21-806.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 11-171.

21 "Truck" means a motor vehicle, except a multipurpose passenger vehicle, that is
22 designed, used, or maintained primarily to carry property.

23 21-806.1.

24 (A) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THIS
25 SECTION APPLIES TO ANY TRUCK REGISTERED, OR OF A TYPE CAPABLE OF BEING
26 REGISTERED, AS A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 9 OF THIS
27 ARTICLE.

1 (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A TRUCK WITH:

2 (I) A MANUFACTURER'S RATED CAPACITY OF 3/4 TON OR LESS; AND

3 (II) A MAXIMUM GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF 7,000 POUNDS OR
4 LESS.

5 (B) ON ANY HIGHWAY WITH A MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF 65 MILES
6 AN HOUR, A PERSON MAY NOT DRIVE A TRUCK AT A SPEED THAT EXCEEDS 60 MILES
7 AN HOUR.

8 (C) AT THE LOCATION OF EACH SIGN POSTED ON A HIGHWAY INDICATING A
9 MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 65 MILES AN HOUR, THE STATE HIGHWAY
10 ADMINISTRATION SHALL POST AN ADDITIONAL SIGN INDICATING THAT THE SPEED
11 LIMIT FOR TRUCKS ON THAT HIGHWAY IS 60 MILES AN HOUR.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 1999.